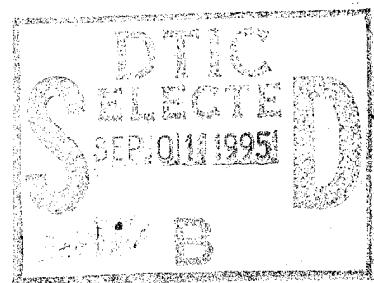


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## INTRODUCTION

The outdoor mixed nitrating acid storage tank containment dike at the Indian Head Division, Naval Surface Warfare Center Biazzi Nitration Plant is constructed of a concrete slab and separately poured retaining walls. The joint between the retaining walls and floor has needed regular maintenance, frequently requiring the application of sealing compounds to eliminate leakage.

Long, thin fractures have also developed along the floor of the dike due to temperature fluctuations and earth settling throughout the dike's 11-year life. Additionally, contact with strong acids from fume condensation, sampling operations, and other exposure has deteriorated the concrete surface and integrity. The concrete has become spalled in some areas, breaking apart under little stress, and has required some resurfacing.

In order to slow the degradation of the dike, increase its integrity, and reduce maintenance, we searched for a cost-effective lining material which would meet the following criteria:

- Resistant to the various acid concentrations
- Flexible to prevent cracking due to earth settling and expansion
- Resistant to UV exposure from direct sunlight
- Capable of being applied over the surface of the dike and over the joints and cracks.

After a preliminary screening procedure of a variety of materials (Appendix A), the most cost-effective, resistant material appeared to be the high density polyethylene (HDPE) typically used in landfill and reservoir applications.

The HDPE lining material met all of the above criteria, but the chemical resistance appeared questionable. The manufacturer's specification sheet states that HDPE is suitable for secondary containment for sulfuric acid to 98% and in limited applications may be suitable for nitric acid to 100%, depending on specific conditions. A more extensive testing procedure was therefore developed to test the resistance of the HDPE to varying concentrations of nitric/sulfuric mixtures over time.

We felt that the liner must withstand a minimum of 48 hours of direct exposure to any given acid concentration it might experience. This would be sufficient to contain a spill until cleanup could be completed or the spill could be diluted to a concentration sustainable by the liner. This allows two full days after a spill for the acid to penetrate the liner and contact the concrete. The function of the concrete is then redefined from providing acid containment to that of providing a structural base for the containment liner.

## EXPERIMENTAL

After preliminary screening, a sheet of 80 mil (0.080 inches nominal thickness) HDPE was obtained from SLT Corporation and cut into strips approximately 6 inches long and 2 inches wide. Seventy-eight samples were embossed, measured (length, width, and thickness) with a micrometer, and weighed (to 0.1 gram).

Four acid solutions were prepared from a solution of pure mixed nitrating acid. The pure mixed acid used consisted of 53% sulfuric acid and 47% nitric acid and is used in the production of propylene glycol dinitrate (PGDN), a nitrate ester and the primary component in the formulation of Otto Fuel II, the torpedo fuel for the Mk 46 and 48 torpedoes. These concentrations were used to simulate the varying concentrations of acidic media that might be encountered during a spill and over the life of the dike surface. The compositions were as follows:

Solution	Mixed Acid	Composition
1	5%	2.6% Sulfuric acid 2.4% Nitric acid 95% Water
2	30%	16% Sulfuric acid 14% Nitric acid 70% Water
3	65%	34% Sulfuric acid 31% Nitric acid 35% Water
4	100%	53% Sulfuric acid 47% Nitric acid

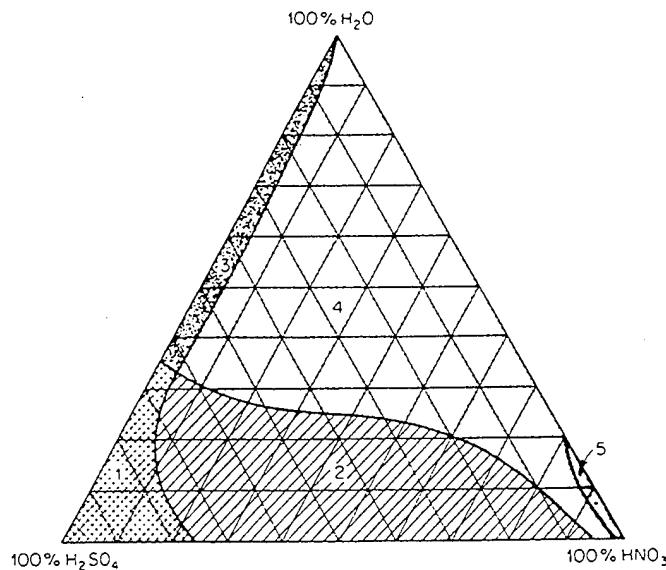
These concentrations were chosen based on the tertiary corrosion diagram for sulfuric/nitric/water mixtures in Figure 1. Each concentration change corresponds to a new corrosion zone or major deviation within a zone.

Eighteen samples were immersed in each solution. Six samples were not exposed to any acid and were used to determine baseline properties of the material. The temperature of the solutions were cycled between outdoor ambient temperature (averaging 30 to 40 °F) and 120 °F. High temperatures significantly increase corrosion attack, while temperature cycling allows the samples to expand and contract, thereby increasing potential exposure of the polymer structure to the acid solutions.

A temperature of 120 °F is a reasonable maximum temperature which might be expected on the surface of the dike during a spill cleanup. (The 100% mixed acid solution also emitted profuse fumes at temperatures greater than 120 °F.) Appendix B contains the raw data, laboratory notes, and temperature records of the acid solutions.

Six samples from each solution were withdrawn after 2, 5, and 15 temperature cycles (2, 8, and 23 days respectively). The final samples in the 100% mixed acid solution (solution 1) were withdrawn after 11 cycles (19 days) because they were badly deteriorated.

Each set of six samples withdrawn were washed first in fresh water, second in a solution of sodium carbonate, and lastly in fresh water. The samples were then dried in an oven at 120 °F until all visible moisture was gone. Each sample was remeasured and reweighed, then submitted for tensile properties testing.



CODE: (MATERIALS IN SHADED ZONES REPORTED CORROSION RATE LESS 20 MPY.)

STEEL DURIMET 20 WORTHITE	ZONE 1 GLASS SILICON IRON	TANTALUM PLATINUM	GOLD
CAST IRON STEEL 18 CR-8 NI	DURIMET 20 WORTHITE GLASS	SILICON IRON TANTALUM PLATINUM	GOLD LEAD
DURIMET 20 WORTHITE	ZONE 3 GLASS SILICON IRON	TANTALUM PLATINUM	GOLD
18 CR-8 NI DURIMET 20	ZONE 4 WORTHITE GLASS	SILICON IRON TANTALUM	PLATINUM GOLD
18 CR-8 NI DURIMET 20 WORTHITE	ZONE 5 GLASS SILICON IRON	TANTALUM PLATINUM	GOLD ALUMINUM

FIGURE 1. CORROSION RESISTANCE OF MATERIALS TO MIXTURES OF SULFURIC AND NITRIC ACID AT ROOM TEMPERATURE—LESS THAN 20 MILS PER YEAR

[Source: G.A. Nelson, Shell Development Co.]

## RESULTS

Table I summarizes the physical properties and tensile properties of the samples before and after exposure to the acids.

TABLE I. HDPE/MIXED NITRATING ACID COMPATIBILITY STUDY RESULTS

Solution	Cycles	Days	Weight change (%)	Volume change (%)	Spec. grav. change (%)	Modulus of elasticity (psi)	Yield stress (psi)	Yield strain (%)	Maximum stress (%)	Maximum strain (%)
Baseline, no exposure			N/A	N/A	N/A	47,670	2,773	10.1	5,096	715
5%	2	2	0.23	2.51	-2.12	52,060	2,726	9.1	4,822	676
5%	5	8	0.00	-0.72	0.72	51,870	2,764	9.7	4,905	689
5%	15	23	0.00	-0.01	0.15	48,950	2,712	9.0	5,042	705
30%	2	2	0.58	-2.42	3.15	54,060	2,807	9.2	5,149	716
30%	5	8	0.11	0.85	-0.68	53,820	2,777	9.1	4,711	666
30%	15	23	0.33	0.57	-0.07	55,340	2,822	8.8	5,264	727
65%	2	2	0.21	0.60	-0.36	53,940	2,755	9.4	5,197	730
65%	5	8	0.32	1.35	-1.01	54,560	2,848	9.4	4,583	643
65%	15	23	0.55	0.97	-0.41	53,190	2,830	8.9	3,823	440
100%	2	2	1.48	1.51	0.16	47,508	2,714	9.8	5,269	777
100%	5	8	1.68	-2.43	4.22	50,490	1,962	7.8	1,968	8.3
100%	15	23	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Percent error <sup>a</sup>			1.2	4.1	4.3	6.1	2.1	5.1	11.0	9.2

<sup>a</sup>Percent error calculated for the physical properties from estimated experimental error. Percent error for tensile properties is the average standard deviation of the means. Percent error is the percentage error of the figures expressed in each column.

### Physical Properties:

Appendix C contains experimental measurements and calculated values in spreadsheet form for the physical property data presented in Table I and discussed below.

**Weight Gain:** Figure 2 shows the percent weight gain after exposure in each acid solution and the experimental measurement error. All samples showed either no weight change or a slight increase in weight after exposure. None showed a weight decrease. This indicates that some acid solution may be absorbed into the HDPE and that if the HDPE is decomposed by the acid, more acid is absorbed than HDPE decomposed. Neither case is desirable.

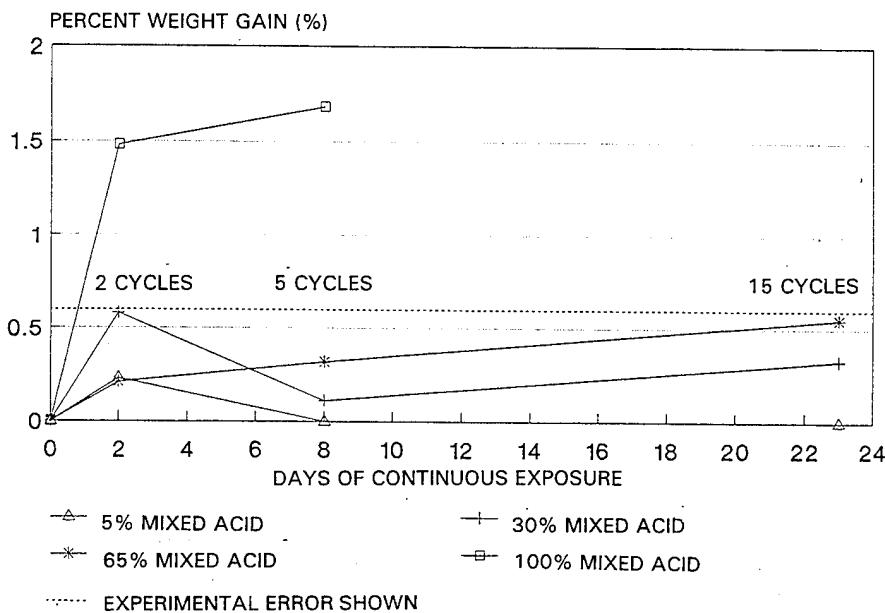


FIGURE 2. HDPE WEIGHT GAIN FROM ACID EXPOSURE

An alternative explanation may be that the acid is chemically reacting with the polyethylene, forming a new product, which stays associated with the HDPE structure rather than the acid phase.

The weight gains for all acid solutions except the pure acid solution, however, were within the experimental measurement error discussed later; thus, only the weight gain in the 100% acid solution is a conclusive weight gain.

**Volume Change and Specific Gravity Change:** The volume change calculation was based on sample volume determination by length, width, and thickness measurements rather than by the standard immersion procedure due to the low specific gravity of the samples (they float in most liquids).

The 4.1% and 4.3% errors shown in Table I represent the error from actual values, which are taken to be the mean of several measurements along each dimension of the sample. To ensure that measurements were taken from the same point before and after immersion, however, all measurements were taken only from one point, the corner of the embossment. Therefore, if a sample's corners are not precisely square, the error will be greatest when taking measurements at a corner. This is the probable cause for the large standard deviations in sample volume and specific gravity changes (See Appendix C). Note that some data show increases while some show decreases in both of these properties.

#### Tensile Properties:

Tensile property testing was conducted in accordance with ASTM Specification D638/D882 (Type IV Dumbell). The crosshead speed (pulling speed of the sample) was set at 2.000 inches per minute. This is the standard testing method used by most manufacturers of HDPE linings in their tensile property publications.

Appendix D contains the tensile property test data, graphs, and photographs of the HDPE samples before and after immersion. These results are summarized in Table I and discussed below.

Figure 3 is an example of a stress-strain curve for HDPE. The slope of the straight line drawn through the origin is the modulus of elasticity. The modulus of elasticity is a measure of the stiffness, or rigidity, of the material before it has been stretched. The higher the modulus of elasticity, or the steeper the slope of the line, the stiffer the material.

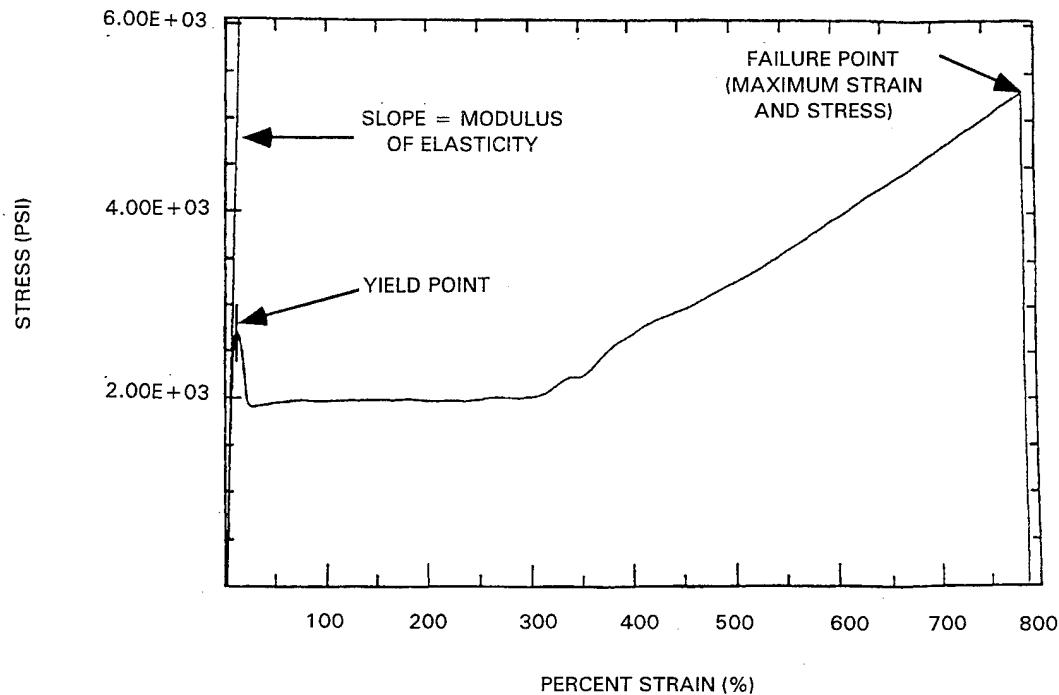


FIGURE 3. HDPE STRESS-STRAIN CURVE

The yield point is the point on the curve where the first maximum is reached. The yield stress (force per area) and yield strain (percent elongation) are the stress applied and strain induced at that point. At this point the polymer chains start to separate, and irreversible destruction of the polymer begins. Prior to the yield point the polymer will return to its original shape if the stress is removed. This is known as the "rubber band effect."

After the sample yields, it will then stretch for a time under constant stress. As the sample is stretched still further, the stress will begin to increase linearly with increases in strain. In this region the polymer chains are being stretched to their limit; they are thereby getting stiffer and more force is required to stretch the sample. The sample then reaches the failure point and tears.

**Modulus of Elasticity:** Figure 4 shows the change in the HDPE modulus of elasticity over the exposure times in each acid concentration. The data show that there is roughly no change in the modulus of elasticity over the exposure times; all data after exposure are within one standard deviation of the nonexposed sample. This indicates that there is no change in the stiffness of the material prior to stretching. The material will retain its rigidity even after it has been exposed to acid as long as no stress is placed on it.

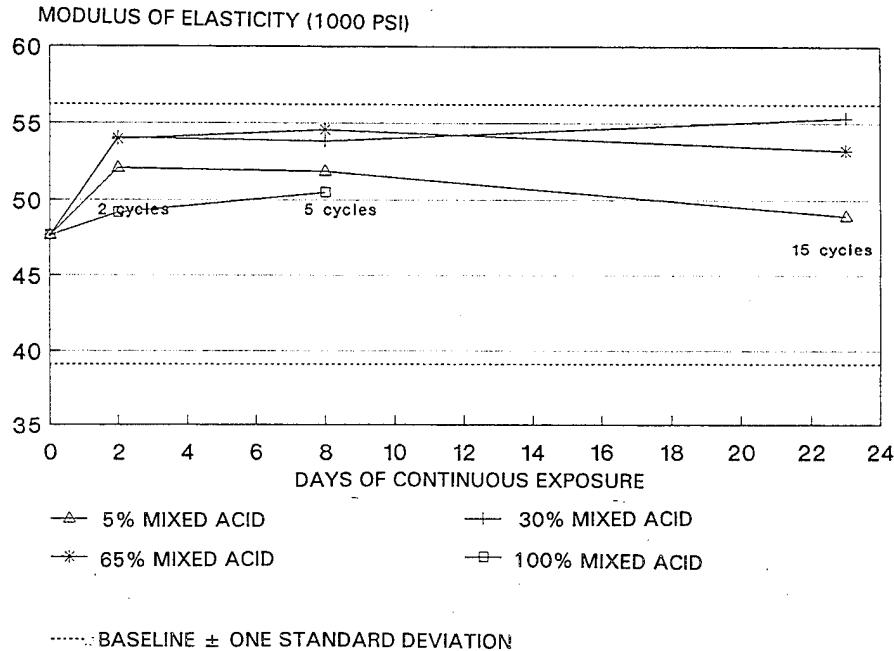


FIGURE 4. MODULUS OF ELASTICITY OF HDPE SAMPLES

**Yield Stress and Yield Strain:** Figures 5 and 6 show the yield stress and yield strain, respectively, for the exposed HDPE samples. The data show that 100% mixed acid has a profound effect on the yield stress and yield strain at some time after 48 hours of exposure. The yield stress and yield strain both begin much earlier. The polymer structure begins to yield, or become damaged, from a lower applied force and at dramatically lower elongation.

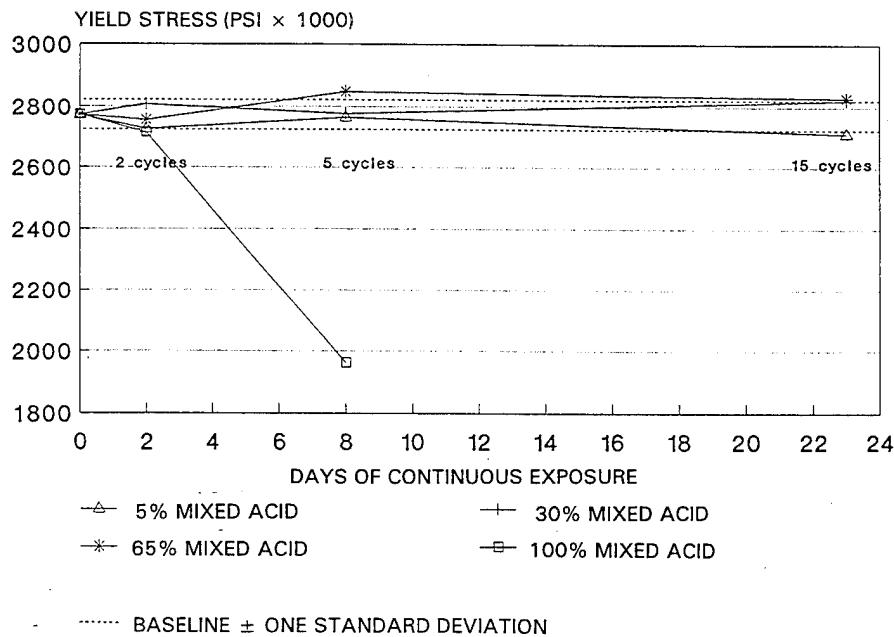


FIGURE 5. YIELD STRESS OF EXPOSED HDPE SAMPLES

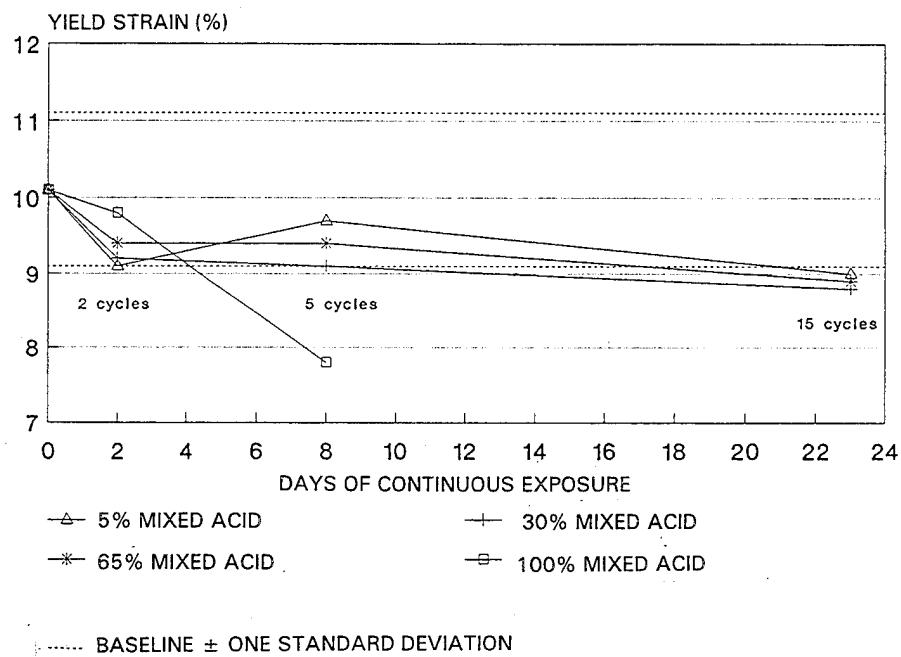


FIGURE 6. YIELD STRAIN OF EXPOSED HDPE SAMPLES

There is also a slight decrease in the yield strain of the samples from each of the other solutions (5%, 30%, and 65%) after 23 days of exposure. This decrease is statistically inconclusive however. These data points lie outside of one standard deviation of the unexposed sample, but when the standard deviation of the exposed samples is accounted for, they could, in reality, fall within the statistical range of "no effect." (The standard deviations for the exposed samples are not shown.) Standard deviations for these three solutions show that the errors would overlap, while the 100% solution does show a conclusive decrease in yield strain.

**Maximum Stress and Maximum Strain:** Figures 7 and 8 show the maximum stress and maximum strain, respectively, for the exposed HDPE samples. The data show that the 100% mixed acid and the 65% mixed acid have affected these properties.

The 100% mixed acid solution has again shown a profound effect on both the maximum stress and maximum strain at some time after 48 hours of exposure. These data, taken with the yield point data, indicate that pure mixed acid will severely deteriorate the HDPE over a relatively short exposure time, but that the liner should withstand the 48 hours exposure criteria for the dike.

It is also worth mentioning that the tensile properties were run approximately 10 days after the two-day exposure samples were withdrawn. This would seem to indicate that if the liner is properly washed and rinsed after it has been exposed to pure acid, decomposition of the HDPE may be prevented.

The exposure of the HDPE to the 65% mixed acid solution also has resulted in a gradual decrease in both the maximum stress and maximum strain over the 23 days of exposure. It is difficult to say if this trend would continue if exposure time was extended; but it is also unlikely that under normal care the HDPE dike will be exposed to this acid concentration for this duration.

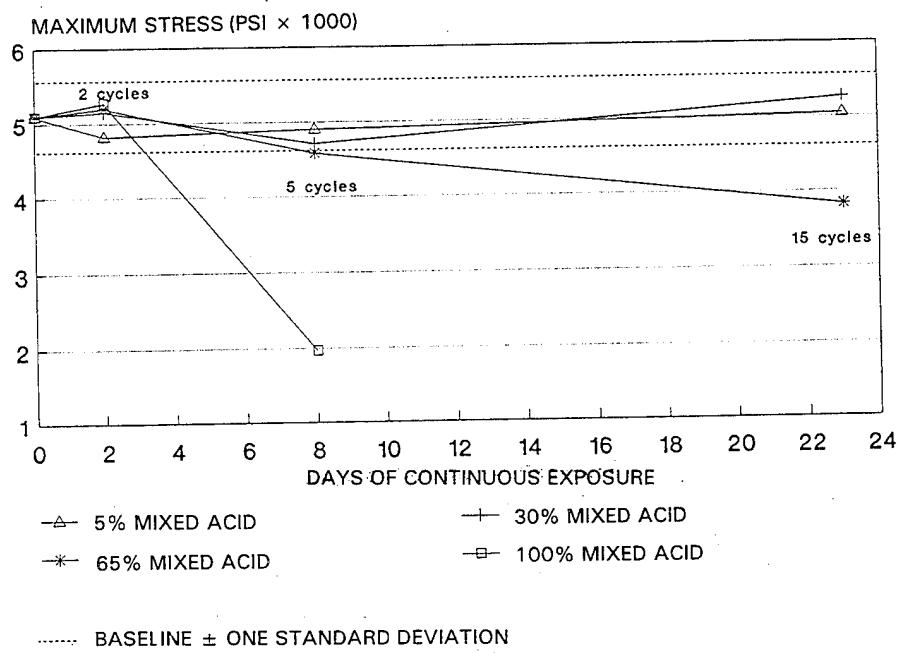


FIGURE 7. MAXIMUM STRESS OF EXPOSED HDPE SAMPLES

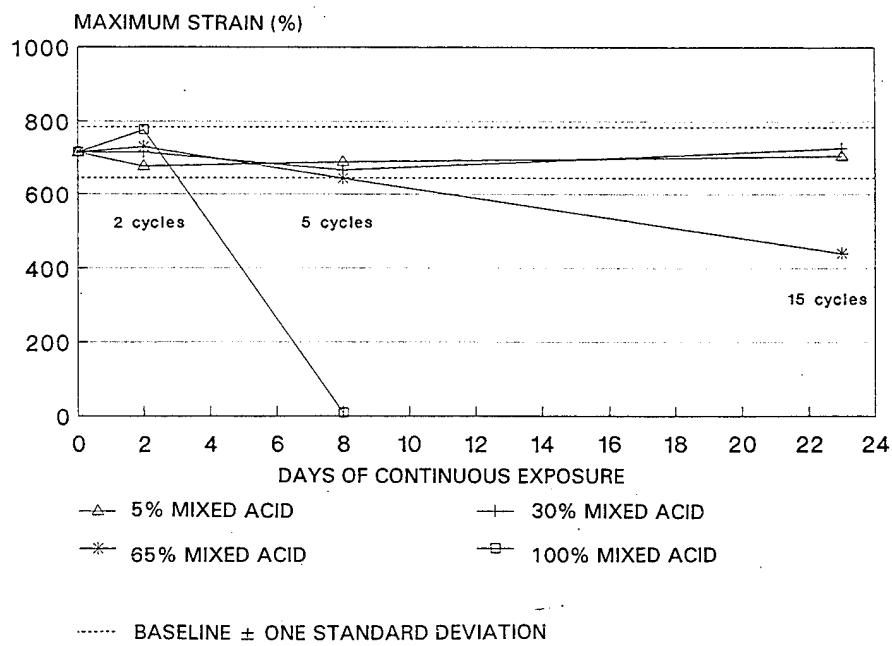


FIGURE 8. MAXIMUM STRAIN OF EXPOSED HDPE SAMPLES

## DISCUSSION

The weight gain of the HDPE after exposure to the 100% mixed acid (Figure 2) indicates that either:

- Some acid is either absorbed into the HDPE structure, subsequently destroying the HDPE, or alternately,
- A reaction is taking place between the HDPE and the acid, resulting in a slightly different chemical structure with lower tensile properties.

In either case the tensile properties of the HDPE exposed to the 100% acid solution are diminished some time after 48 hours of direct, continuous immersion.

The HDPE samples were not tested immediately for tensile properties as originally planned due to scheduling conflicts. However, even though about 10 days elapsed between the time the two-day samples were withdrawn and the time the samples were tested, there appeared to be no adverse effects due to this waiting period. A weight gain after two days of exposure to 100% mixed acid was seen; therefore, it is not likely that a chemical reaction had yet taken place.

It is more likely that some acid was absorbed into the HDPE, resulting in a weight gain, but not enough was absorbed to cause destruction of the HDPE. After immersion was continued to the eight-day samples, destruction had taken place. There is no data between two days and eight days to show when the threshold exposure time occurs.

We also cannot conclude if the acid absorbed (weight gain) causes destruction or if destruction is caused mainly by exterior exposure. Exterior exposure seems to be the principal cause, though, since the period between two days and eight days yielded only a slight increase in weight, while the tensile properties were diminished considerably.

HDPE does expand and contract with changes in temperature; its coefficient of linear expansion is  $1.2 \cdot 10^{-4} / ^\circ\text{C}$ . A 130 °F temperature change (e.g., from summer to winter temperature) will result in a 0.86% elongation, or strain. Table I shows that the yield strain is much higher than the thermal expansion strain, even after immersion for all samples tested. Therefore, even when subjected to any of the conditions of this study, the HDPE used for the actual dike lining will not reach its yield point (or point of some polymer destruction) due to changes in outdoor temperature.

## EXPERIMENTAL ERRORS

Experimental errors are identified and discussed in the following paragraphs. Appendix E provides the data and calculations for the error estimations.

### Sample Dimension Measurement:

The rectangular HDPE samples immersed in the acid were cut on a guillotine using a square guide. The measurement errors for length and width are due to imprecise square corners on the samples plus the micrometer error. The error for these measurements are 2.2% and 2.5%, respectively, based on the average standard deviation of measurements of several samples.

The error for the thickness measurements relates to the ability of the manufacturer to produce a sheet of HDPE of uniform thickness plus the micrometer error. The error for thickness is 0.2%, also based on the average standard deviation of measurements of several samples.

Note that the die-cut "dumbbell" samples used for tensile property testing were cut from the rectangular samples *after* immersion rather than prior to immersion to prevent deformation of the die-cut samples' dimensions during immersion.

### Scale Accuracy:

HDPE samples were weighed before and after immersion to determine whether samples were being decomposed by the acid or whether acid was being absorbed into the HDPE. The scale resolution was 0.1 gram; therefore, the error is 0.05 gram. In most cases the weight remained constant or increased by 0.1 gram. For increases of this magnitude (0.35%) a scale with higher resolution would yield more accurate figures.

### Acid Absorption Offset by HDPE Decomposition:

It is likely that in some cases acid absorption by the HDPE (causing a weight increase) was offset by HDPE decomposition (causing a weight decrease). The sample weight increased more often than it decreased; but there was a change in the color of the acid solutions, particularly the higher concentrations, indicating decomposition was taking place.

In estimating the magnitude of this error, I noted that in many cases the weight change was zero and only slight color changes were noted. It is assumed then that the magnitude of this error does not exceed the scale accuracy. In other words, I would not expect greater than a 0.05-gram weight increase or decrease. This error was then added to the scale accuracy error to calculate the total weight change error.

**Room Temperature Variation:**

Room temperature was not consistent when "before" and "after" size measurements were determined. The maximum variation in room temperature was 7.5 °C, which corresponds to an error of 0.14%, calculated from manufacturer specifications.

**Acid Composition Change:**

Vapor pressure differences of the components in the acid solutions may cause the acid composition to change slightly over time since the test containers were not tightly sealed. This is particularly true with solution 1, where heavy NO<sub>x</sub> fumes were observed during the high temperature periods. This should be a negligible error, however, since no acid level change was noted in the containers.

**Tensile Properties Testing Delay:**

There was a delay of up to ten days from the time the samples were withdrawn from the acid until the time the tensile properties were tested. If acid was indeed absorbed into the polymer structure, it is likely that further HDPE decomposition was taking place as the samples awaited testing.

## CONCLUSIONS

Conclusions generated from this study of the compatibility of HDPE with mixed nitrating acid are summarized below:

- The HDPE liner is sufficient to contain a mixed acid spill for 48 hours without serious adverse effects. After 48 hours the spill could at least be diluted to a level no longer destructive to the liner and thereby be contained within the containment dike.
- HDPE samples immersed in 100% mixed acid will experience a weight gain after 48 hours of continuous immersion. It is inconclusive whether the weight gain is attributed to acid absorption or chemical reaction between HDPE and the acid.
- It is suspected, but not conclusively proven, that the weight gain is due to acid absorption. Mere acid absorption does not appear to affect the properties of the HDPE if it is removed from the acid.
- Long periods of acid exposure seem to be the principal cause of diminishing tensile properties, rather than acid absorption, since long exposure times yield slight increases in weight, but considerably poorer tensile properties.
- HDPE should be capable of withstanding any concentration of mixed nitrating acid generated from an initial concentration of 53% sulfuric acid and 47% nitric acid for at least 48 hours with no adverse effects on tensile properties. However, greater than 48 hours of continuous exposure to 100% mixed acid will drastically diminish the tensile properties.
- Thermal expansion of the HDPE in the dike lining may cause up to 0.86% elongation or strain. This is a factor of nine times lower than the lowest yield strain obtained in this study (100% acid for 8 days). The yield strain indicates how far the material can be stretched before the polymer chains begin to break.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on the results of this study, HDPE should be suitable for use as secondary containment for mixed nitrating acid storage. A periodic maintenance contract is recommended due to physical abuse and continual exposure to various acid concentrations.

The following additional studies to answer outstanding questions regarding the chemical resistance to HDPE would be beneficial:

- Collect data between two days of exposure and eight days of exposure to determine when the threshold exposure time occurs.
- Test some samples after removal from the acid immediately while delaying testing of others. This would determine if acid absorbed into the HDPE causes destruction or if the destruction is caused primarily by direct immersion.
- Determine the effects of temperature on the chemical resistance by maintaining the immersed samples at constant temperature rather than cycling the temperature through extremes.
- Test other types of geomembrane and geotextile liners. Note in Appendix A that the Hypalon sample also passed the preliminary screening. This sample was not tested further because the HDPE was thicker and more rigid and appeared to be capable of withstanding more physical abuse. However, given more testing time, other lining materials may have shown equal or better chemical resistance without the potential installation and maintenance problems associated with HDPE.

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**Appendix A**

**PRELIMINARY MATERIALS TESTING RESULTS**

MIXED ACID CHEMICAL RESISTANCE STUDY  
MATERIAL TESTING RESULTS

Sample Name	Liner Type	Test Length	Results/Comments
Overkote	Resin	24 hrs	Total destruction, completely dissolve
Overkote Plus	Resin	24 hrs	Total destruction, completely dissolve
DOW Silastic 732	Caulk	4 days	Sample nearly intact but exposed surface cracked
DOW Silastic 730	Caulk	4 days	Very small cracks in exposed surface; Sample intact below exposed surface
Hetron	Resin	4 days	Outer surface dissolved; bubbles form
Permagile	Caulk	4 days	Sample floated; sample bubbled until acid no longer in contact with sample
FX 571 Fox Ind.	Caulk	10 min	Sample dissolved
Essex Polyurethane	Poly-urethane	10 min	Sample dissolved
Morton Thiokol FE 1402	Caulk	10 min	Sample dissolved
Morton Thiokol FE 1407	Caulk	15 min	Sample dissolved
KOCH Permanite	Resin Polymer	3 days	All outer polymer dissolved; only cement base left
Pecora Synthacalk	Caulk	10 min	Sample dissolved
Morton Thiokol FE 2000	Caulk	15 min	Sample dissolved
Fabrico PVC Type 651	Liner	4 days	Sample hardened and curled but still intact
Fabrico PVC Type BOEE	Liner	4 days	Sample hardened and curled but still intact
Fabrico PVC Type 3134	Liner	4 days	Sample hardened and curled but still intact
HDPE SLT & Serrot	Liner	4 days	Not affected visually
Life Science 3510	Resin	2 min	Caused violent acid fume-off
Life Science 3116	Resin	3 days	Crust layer on acid; corrosion effect gradually increasing through sample
Hypalon	Liner	3 days	Not affected visually

HDPE Testing; FormTool; hdpe\_r-2

**Appendix B**

**MATERIAL COMPATIBILITY TESTING RESULTS**

## MATERIAL COMPATABILITY TESTING

Sample Number	Weight Bef.	Weight Aft.	Length Bef.	Length Aft.	Width Bef.	Width Aft.	Thickness Bef.	Thickness Aft.	Leachate	Exposures
01										0
02										0
03										0
04										0
05										0
06										0
07	14-6	14-8	S-890	S-903	1-973	1-972	0-084	0-082	100% P6DN	5 BLACK STICKY RESIDUE
08	14-2		S-851		1-980		0-081		"	"
09	15-2	15-4	S-900	S-918	2-020	2-021	0-081	0-078	100% PLDN	5
10	13-4	13-6	S-408	S-435	2-024	2-020	0-084	0-081	"	5
11	13-6	13-7	S-407	S-440	1-971	1-973	0-082	0-079	"	J- PATCHED OR J- LESIONE
12	14-1		S-438		1-950		0-086		"	H
13	15-6	16-0	S-448	S-464	2-165	2-164	0-088	0-087	"	5
14	15-2	15-6	S-493	S-523	2-077	2-078	0-083	0-081	"	5-WARTS
15	15-6	16-0	S-011	S-022	2-030	2-035	0-094	0-094	"	2
16	16-6	16-7	S-072	S-072	2-179	2-191	0-083	0-083	"	2
17	13-8	14-0	S-369	S-389	2-020	2-026	0-076	0-077	"	2
18	14-1	14-3	S-381	S-396	1-928	1-937	0-087	0-087	"	2
19	13-5	13-7	S-373	S-384	1-923	1-924	0-083	0-084	"	2
20	13-6		S-461		1-989		0-080		"	11
21	13-6		S-338		1-988		0-082		"	11
22	13-0		S-389		1-990		0-080		"	11
23	14-7		S-906		2-009		0-069		"	11
24	14-5	14-7	S-841	S-852	1-988	1-992	0-079	0-080	"	2
25	15-2	15-2	S-918	S-930	1-971	1-978	0-093	0-091	65% PGDN	2
26	14-7	14-7	S-892	S-882	1-950	1-960	0-071	0-073	"	2
27	14-8	14-9	S-043	S-063	1-970	1-981	0-084	0-084	"	15
28	16-2	16-3	S-885	S-900	2-146	2-145	0-089	0-090	"	15
29	14-8	14-8	S-0219	S-021	1-962	1-967	0-084	0-084	"	15
30	15-16	15-7	S-518	S-538	2-084	2-091	0-085	0-089	"	5
31	15-0	15-1	S-543	S-573	2-118	2-123	0-080	0-081	"	15
32	14-3	14-4	S-569	S-591	1-924	1-926	0-085	0-084	"	15
33	16-1	16-2	S-844	S-880	2-112	2-114	0-082	0-083	"	15
34	14-4	14-5	S-532	S-555	2-109	2-114	0-081	0-081	"	2
35	15-0	15-1	S-972	S-004	1-955	1-960	0-082	0-082	"	2
36	13-0	12-9	S-236	S-269	1-956	1-966	0-082	0-082	"	2
37	15-0	15-0	S-848	S-886	1-953	1-962	0-077	0-078	"	5
38	14-2	14-2	S-448	S-465	1-946	1-952	0-081	0-082	"	5
39	13-1	13-1	S-328	S-351	1-958	1-967	0-081	0-081	"	5
40	16-3	16-4	S-003	S-023	2-065	2-070	0-084	0-084	"	5
41	14-7	14-8	S-025	S-038	1-907	1-919	0-082	0-082	"	5 5-med reshpd
42	14-7	14-8	S-947	S-990	1-988	1-987	0-084	0-083	"	2
43	15-1	15-2	S-710	S-724	1-966	1-969	0-094	0-096	30% P6DN	15
44	14-1	14-1	S-856	S-870	1-971	1-978	0-070	0-073	"	15
45	17-1	17-2	S-929	S-946	2-170	2-175	0-091	0-092	"	15
46	15-B	15-B	S-861	S-878	2-126	2-133	0-076	0-070	"	15
47	14-8	14-6	S-823	S-837	1-950	1-952	0-090	0-092	"	5 small warts,
48	14-3	14-3	S-419	S-430	2-162	2-167	0-081	0-081	"	5
49	15-2	15-2	S-485	S-482	2-087	2-087	0-086	0-085	"	5
50	13-2	13-3	S-444	S-441	1-971	1-979	0-071	0-071	"	2
51	14-1	14-2	S-291	S-308	2-132	2-140	0-076	0-072	"	2
52	13-6	13-7	S-352	S-374	2-023	2-028	0-076	0-072	"	2
53	14-0	14-0	S-384	S-380	2-061	2-067	0-076	0-076	"	5

Measurements taken at corner of sample with sample no.

Facilities and Equipment; Formtool; HDPE\_1

## MATERIAL COMPATABILITY TESTING

Measurements taken at corner of sample with sample no.

## Facilities and Equipment; Formtool; HDPE 1

HDPE Test Plan

Acid Solutions:

100%	PEDN	Mixed Acid
65%	PEDN	Mixed Acid
30%	PEDN	Mixed Acid
5%	PEDN	Mixed Acid

Tests: Dimensions: Taken at 1 corner  
Weight: on lab scale  
Specific Gravity: calculated  
Tensile Properties: 6 ea/cycle / solution

22.141  
22.142  
22.146  
AMERICAN  
SHEETING

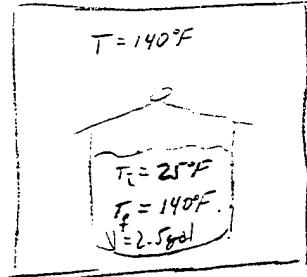
Cycles: 0 cycles: nonexposure  
2 cycles  
5 cycles  
15 cycles

Temperature: Ambient - 120°F through 5 cycles (49°C)  
Ambient - 140°F 5-15 cycles (60°C)

Samples: 18 samples per solution  
6 samples nonexposure  
78 samples total

## HDPE Testing

## Cycle Time



	$k \text{ BTU/ft-h-F}$	$HNO_3$	$H_2SO_4$	$H_2O$
$C_p$	$8.4 \text{ BTU/lb-F}$	0.21	0.35	
$\rho$	1.4	0.35	1.0	
		1.83	1.0	

Conduction: Assume sphere

$$t_T = \frac{r_m^2}{9.87\alpha} \left( \ln \frac{0.608(T_s - T_e)}{T_s - \bar{T}_b} \right)$$

$$t_T = \frac{(7.1\pi)^2 \left( \frac{140}{120} \right)^2}{9.87(0.000885 + 7/4\pi)} \left( \ln \frac{0.608(140-25)}{140-135} \right)$$

$$= 16.3 \text{ hr}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{k}{\rho C_p}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{0.21 \text{ BTU/ft-h-F}}{(1.4)(0.35 \text{ BTU/lb-F})(0.35 \text{ BTU/lb-F})} \left( \frac{7.4801 \text{ in}^3}{\text{ft}^3} \right)$$

$$= 0.005588 \text{ ft}^2/\text{hr}$$

Convection:

$$q = hA(T_h - \bar{T}_b)$$

$$A = \pi r^2 + \pi dL$$

$$= (0.2 \text{ BTU/ft}^2 \cdot \text{hr}^{-1} \cdot ^{\circ}\text{F})(2.01 \text{ ft}^2)(140-135) = \pi (4.5 \text{ in})^2 + \pi (9)(8) = 290 \text{ in}^2 = 2.01 \text{ ft}^2$$

$$= 2.0126 \text{ BTU/hr}$$

$$t = \frac{1.444}{2.0126}$$

$$= 717.6 \text{ hr}$$

$$q = mc_p \Delta T$$

$$q = (35.88 \text{ lb})(0.35 \text{ BTU/lb})(140-25) \\ = 1,444 \text{ BTU} \quad (120-25)$$

$$1193$$

Radiation:  $q = \sigma \epsilon_w A (T_w^4 - T^4)$

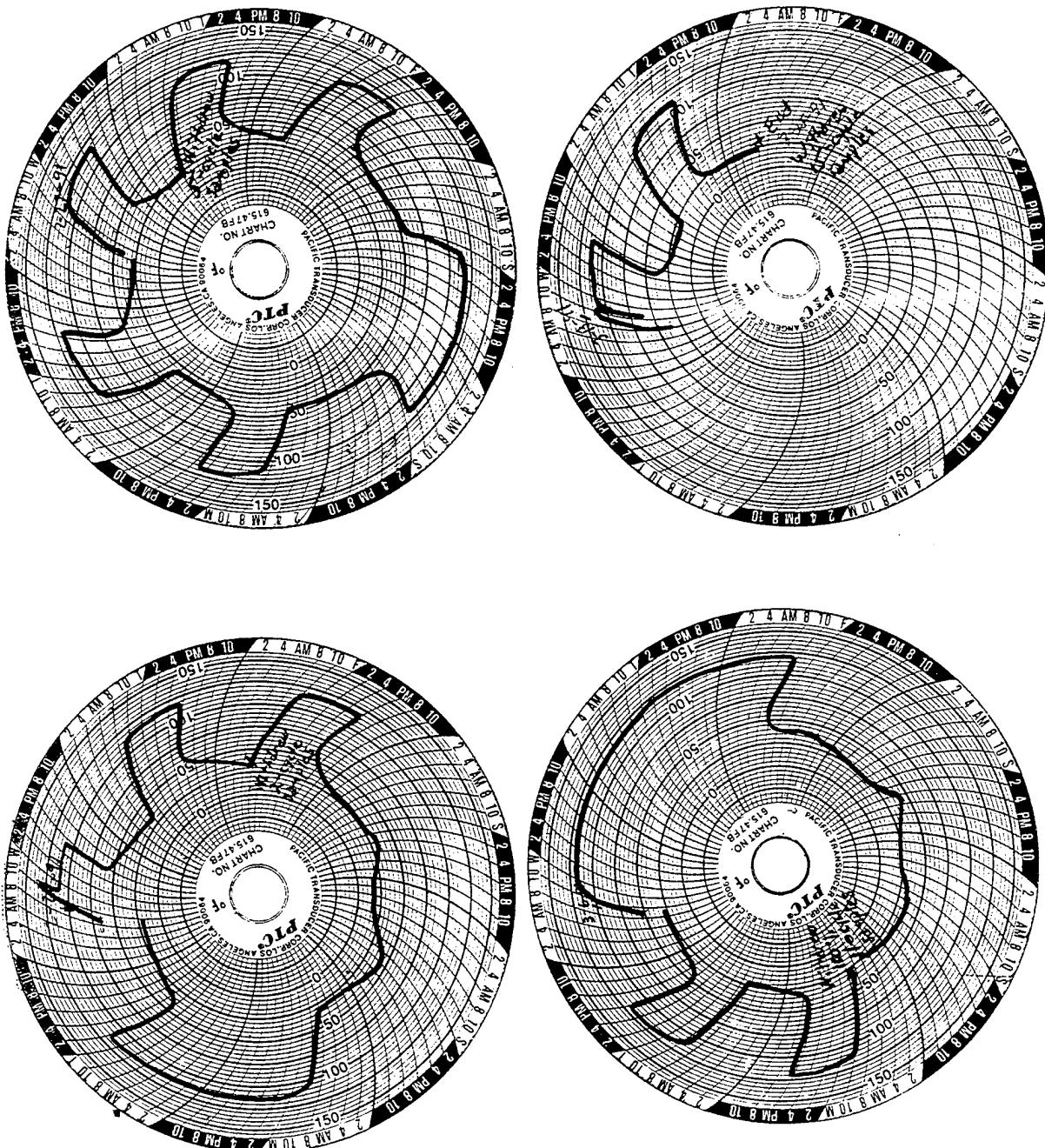
$T_w$  = surface Temp  
 $T$  = surroundings temp

$$q = 0.173 \cdot 10^{-8} \frac{\text{BTU}}{\text{ft}^2 \cdot \text{hr} \cdot \text{R}^4} (0.88)(2.01 \text{ ft}^2)(785^4 - 600^4)$$

Block point on steel

$$= -225.0 \text{ BTU/h} \quad -175.23 \text{ BTU/h} \quad (485^4 - 580^4)$$

$$t = \frac{1.444}{225} = 6 \text{ hrs} \quad = 6.81 \text{ hrs}$$



HDPE Testing

Acid Preparation

2-19-91

## 65% P6DN Mixed Acid

WaterAcid<sub>aff</sub>Acid<sub>act</sub>

$$\% = \frac{M.A. + H_2O}{M.A. + H_2O} = 0.65$$

480-0

449-9

450-0

463-0

835-7

859-9

868-1

836-5

868-1

$$M.A. = -65 M.A. + -65 H_2O$$

$$-35 M.A. = -65 H_2O$$

$$M.A. = 1.857143 H_2O$$

Bright red-orange and hot. A lot of NO<sub>x</sub> formed

22-141 50 SHEETS  
22-162 100 SHEETS  
22-144 200 SHEETS

## 30% PGDN Mixed Acid

WaterAcid<sub>aff</sub>Acid<sub>act</sub>

$$-30 = \frac{M.A.}{M.A. + H_2O}$$

792-0

516-5

339-4

221-4

341-7

222-2

$$M.A. = -30 M.A. + -30 H_2O$$

$$-30 M.A. = -30 H_2O$$

$$M.A. = 0.428571 H_2O$$

## 5% PGDN Mixed Acid

WaterAcid<sub>aff</sub>Acid<sub>act</sub>

$$.05 = \frac{M.A.}{M.A. + H_2O}$$

812-0

575-1

42-7

26-6

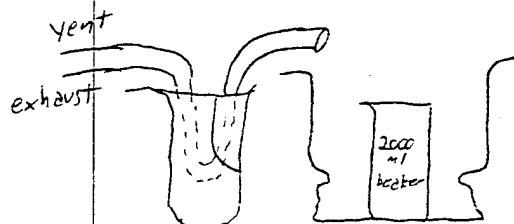
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27-8

$$M.A. = .05 M.A. + .05 H_2O$$

$$.05 M.A. = .05 H_2O$$

$$M.A. = 0.052632 H_2O$$



Room Temp = 58°F

HDPE Testing

Sample Immersion

2-20-91

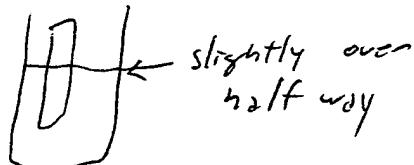
2-20-91 Begin testing

100% PGDN in square desiccator #07-24  
 Temp =  
 0721 when immersed

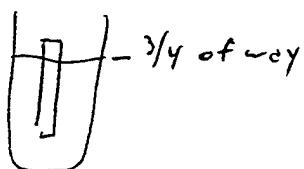
0735 All samples in solution and over turned or  
 set on 69°C initially

100% some floating on top of others -- not all  
 immersed but ones that are are completely  
 immersed

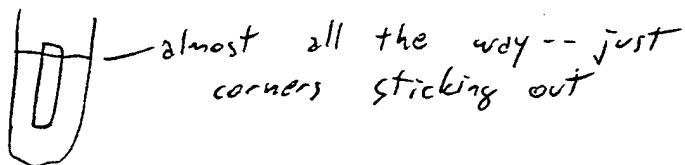
65%



30%



5%



22-141 50 SHEETS  
 22-142 100 SHEETS  
 22-144 200 SHEETS

	HQPE Testing	Temperature cycling	
	After in oven since this A.M. at 49°C		
1	2-20-91 1730 100% 46°C Set over to 55°C for tomorrow No change appearing in samples Brought to flammable locker	65% 46°C 30% 46°C 5%	
I	2-21-91 0845 R 7°C Turned samples over so floating areas on bottom	7°C flipped samples vertically } 8°C } 7°C	
	All samples floating same as yesterday	52°C	51°C
	1726 PUT outside in locker		
2	2-22-91 0855 - 0930 F Withdrew 6 samples from each solution 1 F.W. wash 1 S.W. wash 1 F.W. wash over to dry		
	flipped all samples in solution & put in over 0915 <del>over</del>		
	1815 Took samples outside in locker		
3	2-25-91 0930 - 0945 m Flipped samples over and put in oven @ 55°C Forgot to take samples out in P.M.		
	2-26-91 1350 Samples out of oven to locker NOx fumes in 100% container - 100% solution was dark brown-black; samples decomposing slightly? samples appeared to be intact		

## HIDPE Testing

## Temperature Cycling 2

4

2-27-91 ~1100

Samples into oven  
100% solution dark brown  
changed temp chart

1935

Samples into locker  
More NO<sub>x</sub> fumes above 100% solution

22-141 50 SHEETS  
22-142 100 SHEETS  
22-144 200 SHEETS

5

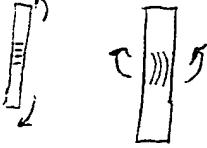
2-28-91 0900

6 samples withdrawn  
remaining samples flipped  
back in oven

Ventilation  
Not work

Washes = FW  
SW  
FW

In 100% samples = when bent, surface would crack  
 Didn't happen in 5% (WT)  
 in 30% WT



also black, sometimes  
obvious patches or spots,  
residue. It was sticky  
and would wipe off on  
towel with some effort

5% samples still had yellow grease pencil markings  
 on them  
 30% samples " " " - - - - -

when surface cracked, it became sticky, like  
 did was absorbed into material

2-28-91 1705 samples to locker

6

3-1-91 Sample to oven 0800  
 flipped over

\* Might want to ↑ temp

3-1-91 1622 Remove from oven  
 NO<sub>x</sub> in 100%

## HAPPE Testing

## Temperature Cycling

3

7 3-2-91 Set ~1300  
Flipped samples & put into oven 55°C

3-3-91 Sun 1115  
Samples to locker  
Black residue forming on side of desiccator in 100% solution, forming ~~over~~ at level of top of acid solution  
A lot of NOx fumes over 100% solution

50 SHEETS  
100 SHEETS  
200 SHEETS  
22-141  
22-142  
22-144

8 3-4-91 0850  
Samples into oven 55°C

3-4-91 1735  
Samples to locker  
Dark NOx fumes over 100% solution

9 3-5-91 0900  
Samples into oven 55°C

1920 Samples to locker  
100% - NOx fumes

10 3-6-91 0910  
Samples into oven 55°C      Went on Travel & forgot  
                                  to take them out

3-8-91 0900  
Samples out of oven  
Thick NOx over 100%

11 3-11-91 Mon 0900

100% samples broken down  
brittle chunks that broke on touch removed, neutralized, and discarded

others flipped and into oven

3-11-91 1810  
Samples to locker

12 3-12-91 0830  
Samples into oven

3-12-91 1710  
Samples out to locker

Put Epoxy Samples in (NOTE) for tomorrow)

13 3-13-91 0920  
Samples into oven

6 AMMEND  
22-141 50 SHEETS  
22-142 100 SHEETS  
22-144 200 SHEETS

Epoxy samples  
100%      white milky  
0-8 g (floated)      65% bubbles      30% rising      5%  
 After a few minutes      from open end      No effect noticed  
~~#~~ surface appeared      no effect noticed  
 bubbly & floated      no effect noticed

No samples fumed

~~100%~~ - 100% sample dissolved (Epoxy)

A lot of NO<sub>x</sub> in 65% & 30%  
Steel in 65% bubbling

Moved to 502 1100-1130

1950 Samples to locker

14 0830 Samples to oven  
1720 Samples to locker 3-14-91

15 0900 All samples out  
# Samples from each sol'n still had grease  
pencil marks 3-15-91

**Appendix C**

**PHYSICAL PROPERTY DATA**

HDPE TESTING IN ACID SOLUTIONS  
 WEIGHT/DIMENSIONS DATA BEFORE AND AFTER  
 HDPE Testing; quattro; hdpe-2

Sample Number	Exposures	Acid Concent.	Weight Before	Weight After	% Weight Change	Length Before	Length After	Width Before	Width After	% Width Change	Thick. Before	Thick. After	Volume Before	Volume After
1	0	0												
2	0	0												
3	0	0												
4	0	0												
5	0	0												
6	0	0												
66	2	5	13.5	13.5	0	5.358	5.369	1.921	1.925	0.208225	0.084	0.084	0.864588	0.868167
68	2	5	14.2	14.3	0.704225	5.266	5.275	2.067	2.072	0.241896	0.086	0.086	0.936095	0.939963
69	2	5	13.1	13.1	0	5.221	5.224	1.946	1.950	0.20555	0.083	0.083	0.843285	0.845504
74	2	5	15.1	15.2	0.662252	5.995	6.029	1.957	1.965	0.408789	0.076	0.076	0.891648	0.900371
75	2	5	13.2	13.2	0	5.323	5.345	1.904	1.910	0.315126	0.090	0.092	0.912149	0.939223
76	2	5	13.4	13.4	0	5.255	5.279	1.959	1.965	0.306279	0.087	0.095	0.895625	0.985457
Average:			13.75	13.78333	0.227746	5.403	5.420167	1.959	1.9645	0.280977	0.084333	0.086	0.890565	0.913114
Standard Deviation:			0.699405	0.742556	0.32231	0.268541	0.276414	0.052131	0.052118	0.071475	0.004346	0.006191	0.03021	0.04724
64	5	5	13.6	13.6	0	5.343	5.352	2.084	2.089	0.239923	0.080	0.079	0.890785	0.883246
65	5	5	13.9	13.9	0	5.480	5.493	2.008	2.012	0.199203	0.082	0.081	0.902315	0.895205
67	5	5	14.5	14.5	0	5.245	5.251	1.984	1.985	0.050403	0.087	0.086	0.905329	0.896398
70	5	5	14.5	14.5	0	5.196	5.204	2.160	2.164	0.185185	0.094	0.093	1.054996	1.047315
73	5	5	13.6	13.6	0	5.180	5.190	2.029	2.030	0.049285	0.076	0.075	0.798777	0.790177
77	5	5	14.1	14.1	0	5.277	5.289	1.910	1.908	-0.10471	0.092	0.092	0.927274	0.92841
Average:			14.03333	14.03333	0	5.286833	5.2965	2.029167	2.031333	0.103215	0.085167	0.084333	0.913246	0.906792
Standard Deviation:			0.372678	0.372678	0	0.101636	0.103051	0.078329	0.08027	0.118006	0.00644	0.006625	0.075365	0.075949
61	15	5	15.0	15.0	0	6.072		1.954	1.953	-0.05118	0.084	0.084	0.996634	
62	15	5	13.8	13.8	0	5.233	5.236	1.989	1.990	0.050277	0.086	0.083	0.895126	0.86483
63	15	5	13.5	13.5	0	5.295	5.307	1.968	1.970	0.101626	0.083	0.082	0.864906	0.857293
71	15	5	14.2	14.2	0	5.180	5.191	2.086	2.090	0.191755	0.099	0.094	1.069743	1.019824
72	15	5	12.7	12.7	0	5.188	5.182	1.959	1.961	0.102093	0.089	0.093	0.904533	0.945057
78	15	5	13.4	13.4	0	5.332	5.345	1.965	1.967	0.101781	0.074	0.077	0.775326	0.809548
Average:			13.76667	13.76667	0	5.383333	5.2522	1.986833	1.9885	0.082726	0.085833	0.0855	0.917711	0.89931
Standard Deviation:			0.713364	0.713364	0	0.31273	0.064111	0.045685	0.046772	0.07299	0.00747	0.006076	0.094064	0.074334
50	2	30	13.2	13.3	0.757576	5.444	5.441	1.971	1.979	0.405885	0.071	0.071	0.761839	0.764509
51	2	30	14.1	14.2	0.70922	5.291	5.308	2.132	2.140	0.375235	0.076	0.072	0.857311	0.817857
52	2	30	13.6	13.7	0.735294	5.352	5.374	2.023	2.028	0.247158	0.076	0.072	0.822859	0.78469
56	2	30	15.9	15.9	0	5.892	5.909	2.062	2.072	0.484966	0.090	0.088	1.093437	1.077423
57	2	30	15.1	15.2	0.662252	5.898	5.905	2.031	2.034	0.14771	0.088	0.089	1.054138	1.068959
58	2	30	16.1	16.2	0.621118	5.981	6.007	2.113	2.118	0.23663	0.097	0.091	1.225872	1.157777
Average:			14.66667	14.75	0.58091	5.643	5.657333	2.055333	2.061833	0.316264	0.083	0.0805	0.969243	0.945203
Standard Deviation:			1.108553	1.090489	0.263691	0.285615	0.287534	0.054768	0.054998	0.115107	0.009238	0.008884	0.166064	0.159487
47	5	30	14.6	14.6	0	5.828	5.837	1.950	1.952	0.102564	0.090	0.092	1.022814	1.048232
48	5	30	14.3	14.3	0	5.419	5.430	2.162	2.167	0.231267	0.081	0.081	0.948986	0.953112
49	5	30	15.2	15.2	0	5.485	5.482	2.087	2.087	0	0.086	0.085	0.984459	0.972479
55	5	30	13.2	13.2	0	5.239	5.259	1.956	1.963	0.357873	0.095	0.099	0.973511	1.022018

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% Volume Change	Sp. Gr. Before	Sp. Gr. After	% Sp. Gr. Change
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59	5	30	14.9	15.0	0.671141	5.936	5.948	1.957	1.958	0.051099	0.092	0.091	1.068741	1.059803
60	5	30	15.6	15.6	0	6.034	6.049	2.020	2.024	0.19802	0.082	0.081	0.999472	0.991697
<b>Average:</b> 14.63333 14.65 0.111857 5.656833 5.6675 2.022 2.025167 0.156804 0.087667 0.088167 0.999664 1.00789														
<b>Standard Deviation:</b> 0.763035 0.76974 0.250119 0.291594 0.291731 0.079156 0.079237 0.119983 0.005121 0.006491 0.038278 0.038813														
43	15	30	15.1	15.2	0.662252	5.710	5.724	1.966	1.969	0.152594	0.094	0.096	1.055231	1.081973
44	15	30	14.1	14.1	0	5.856	5.870	1.971	1.978	0.35515	0.070	0.073	0.807952	0.847593
45	15	30	17.1	17.2	0.584795	5.929	5.946	2.170	2.175	0.230415	0.091	0.092	1.1708	1.189795
46	15	30	15.8	15.8	0	5.861	5.878	2.126	2.133	0.329257	0.076	0.070	0.946997	0.877644
53	15	30	14.0	14.0	0	5.364	5.380	2.061	2.067	0.291121	0.076	0.074	0.840196	0.822914
54	15	30	13.8	13.9	0.724638	5.263	5.282	2.029	2.030	0.049285	0.090	0.093	0.961076	0.997189
<b>Average:</b> 14.98333 15.03333 0.328614 5.663833 5.68 2.053833 2.058667 0.234637 0.082833 0.083 0.963709 0.969518														
<b>Standard Deviation:</b> 1.176742 1.19257 0.331094 0.257816 0.257034 0.075218 0.075826 0.106279 0.009136 0.010801 0.123197 0.133375														
25	2	65	15.2	15.2	0	5.918	5.930	1.971	1.978	0.35515	0.093	0.091	1.084787	1.067388
26	2	65	14.7	14.7	0	5.892	5.882	1.950	1.960	0.512821	0.071	0.073	0.815747	0.841597
34	2	65	14.4	14.5	0.694444	5.533	5.555	2.109	2.114	0.237079	0.081	0.081	0.945197	0.951205
35	2	65	15.0	15.1	0.666667	5.972	6.004	1.955	1.960	0.255754	0.082	0.082	0.957371	0.964963
36	2	65	13.0	12.9	-0.76923	5.236	5.269	1.956	1.966	0.511247	0.082	0.082	0.839813	0.849426
42	2	65	14.7	14.8	0.680272	5.947	5.990	1.988	1.987	-0.0503	0.084	0.083	0.993101	0.987877
<b>Average:</b> 14.5 14.53333 0.212025 5.749667 5.771667 1.988167 1.994167 0.303625 0.082167 0.082 0.939336 0.943743														
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37	5	65	15.0	15.0	0	5.848	5.886	1.953	1.962	0.460829	0.077	0.078	0.879428	0.90077
38	5	65	14.2	14.2	0	5.448	5.465	1.946	1.952	0.308325	0.081	0.082	0.858746	0.87475
39	5	65	13.1	13.1	0	5.328	5.351	1.958	1.967	0.459653	0.081	0.081	0.84501	0.852559
40	5	65	16.3	16.4	0.613497	6.003	6.003	2.065	2.070	0.242131	0.084	0.084	1.04128	1.043802
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29	15	65	14.8	14.8	0	6.019	6.021	1.962	1.967	0.254842	0.084	0.084	0.991979	0.994838
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32	15	65	14.3	14.4	0.699301	5.569	5.591	1.926	1.926	0	0.085	0.084	0.911701	0.904534
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17	2	100	13.8	14.0	1.449275	5.369	5.389	2.020	2.026	0.29703	0.076	0.077	0.824249	0.840695
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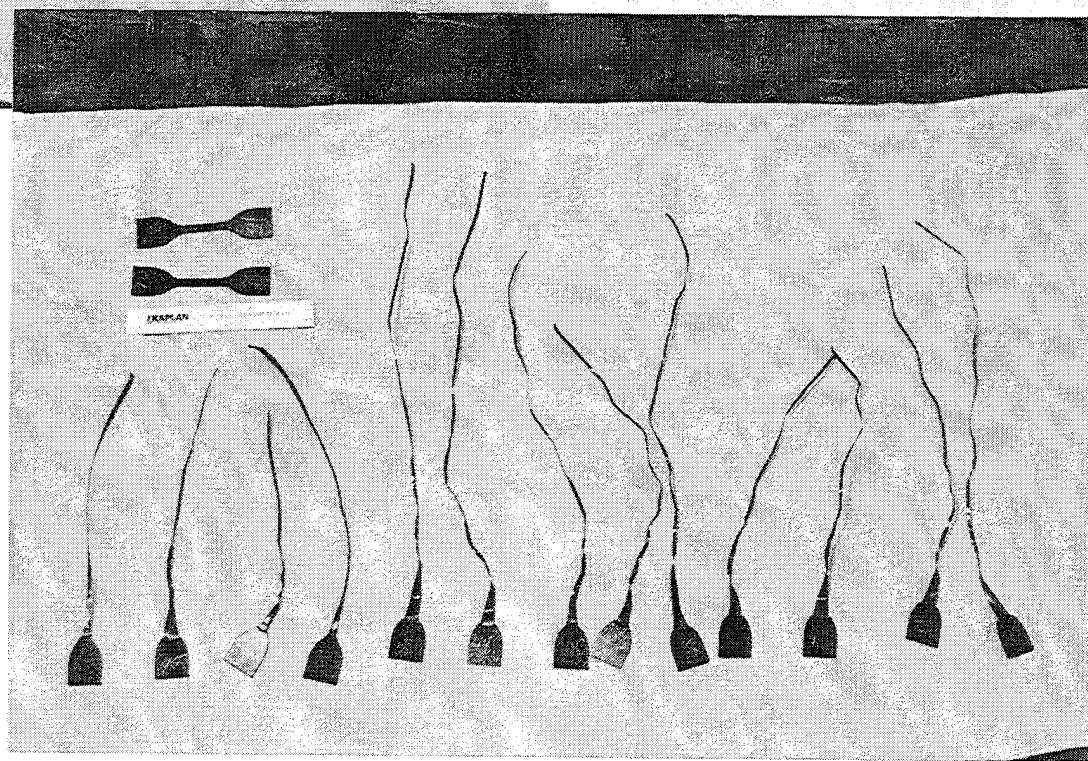
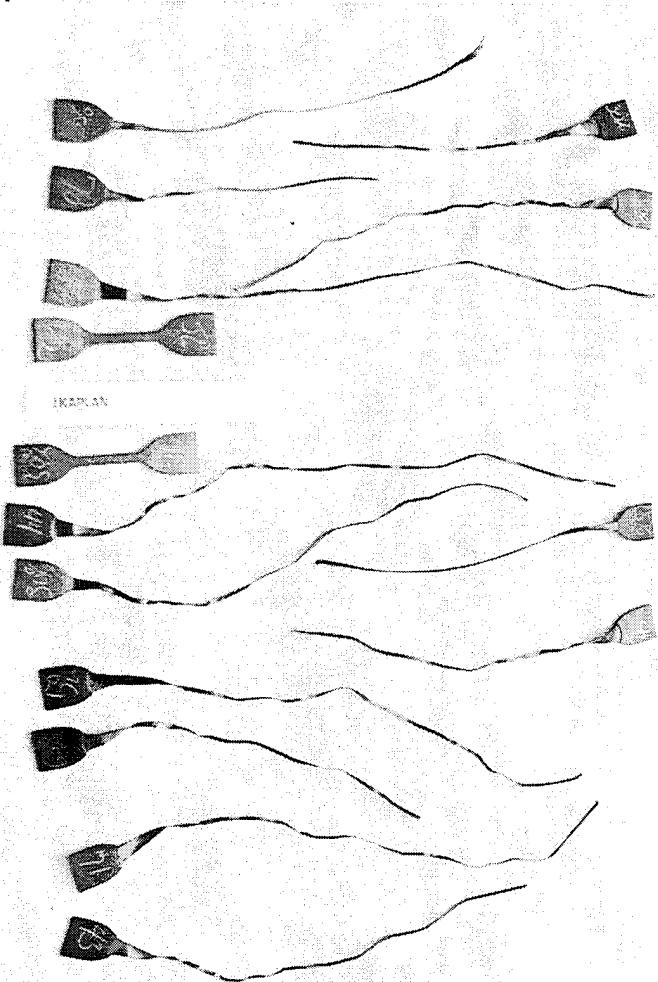
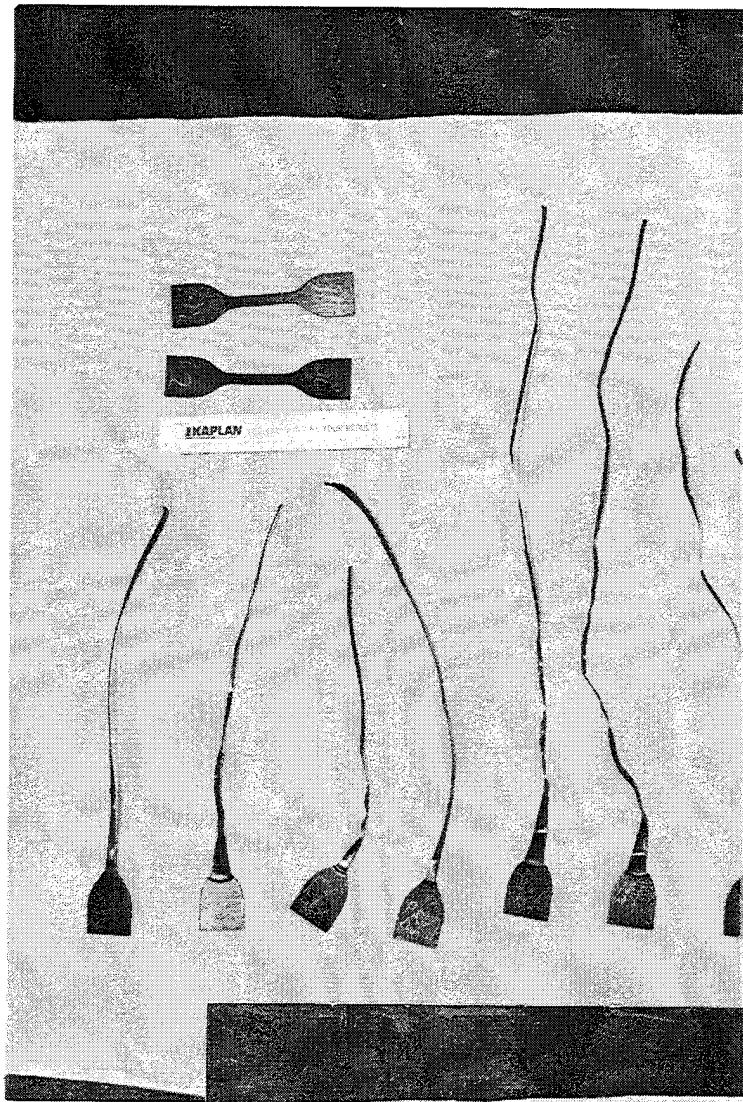
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<b>Average:</b>			14.6	14.85	1.6844861	5.591833	5.614667	2.038333	2.038	-0.0159	0.083667	0.081333	0.95343	0.930626
<b>Standard Deviation:</b>			0.832666	0.919692	0.688409	0.218056	0.212896	0.066937	0.066671	0.097731	0.002211	0.002867	0.050605	0.055955
8	11	100	14.2	0	-100	5.851	0	1.980	0	-100	0.081	0	0.938383	0
12	11	100	14.1	0	-100	5.438	0	1.950	0	-100	0.086	0	0.911953	0
20	11	100	13.6	0	-100	5.401	0	1.989	0	-100	0.080	0	0.859407	0
21	11	100	13.6	0	-100	5.338	0	1.988	0	-100	0.082	0	0.870179	0
22	11	100	13.0	0	-100	5.389	0	1.970	0	-100	0.080	0	0.849306	0
23	11	100	14.7	0	-100	5.906	0	2.009	0	-100	0.069	0	0.818696	0
<b>Average:</b>			13.86667	0	-100	5.553833	0	1.981	0	-100	0.079667	0	0.874654	0
<b>Standard Deviation:</b>			0.540576	0	0	0.231969	0	0.018166	0	0	0.005185	0	0.039747	0

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**Appendix D**  
**TENSILE PROPERTY DATA**



MECHANICAL PROPERTIES LABORATORIES  
BALLISTIC TEST DIVISION  
NAVAL ORDNANCE STATION INDIAN HEAD, MD.

ASTM D TYPE IV

Test type: Tensile

Instron Corporation  
Series IX Automated Materials Testing System v4.05a  
Test Date: December 7, 1990

Operator name: HUNTER

Sample Identification: HDP-1

Sample Type: ASTM

Interface Type: 4500 Series

Machine Parameters of test:

Sample Rate (pts/sec): 50.00

Humidity (%): 50

Crosshead Speed (in/min): 2.000

Temperature (deg. F): 73

DATE MARCH 4, 1991  
 PROGRAM HIGH DENSITY POLYETHYLENE  
 ASTM SPECIFICATION D638/D882  
 COMMENTS SAMPLES 1 THRU 5  
 COMMENTS BASELINE

Dimensions:

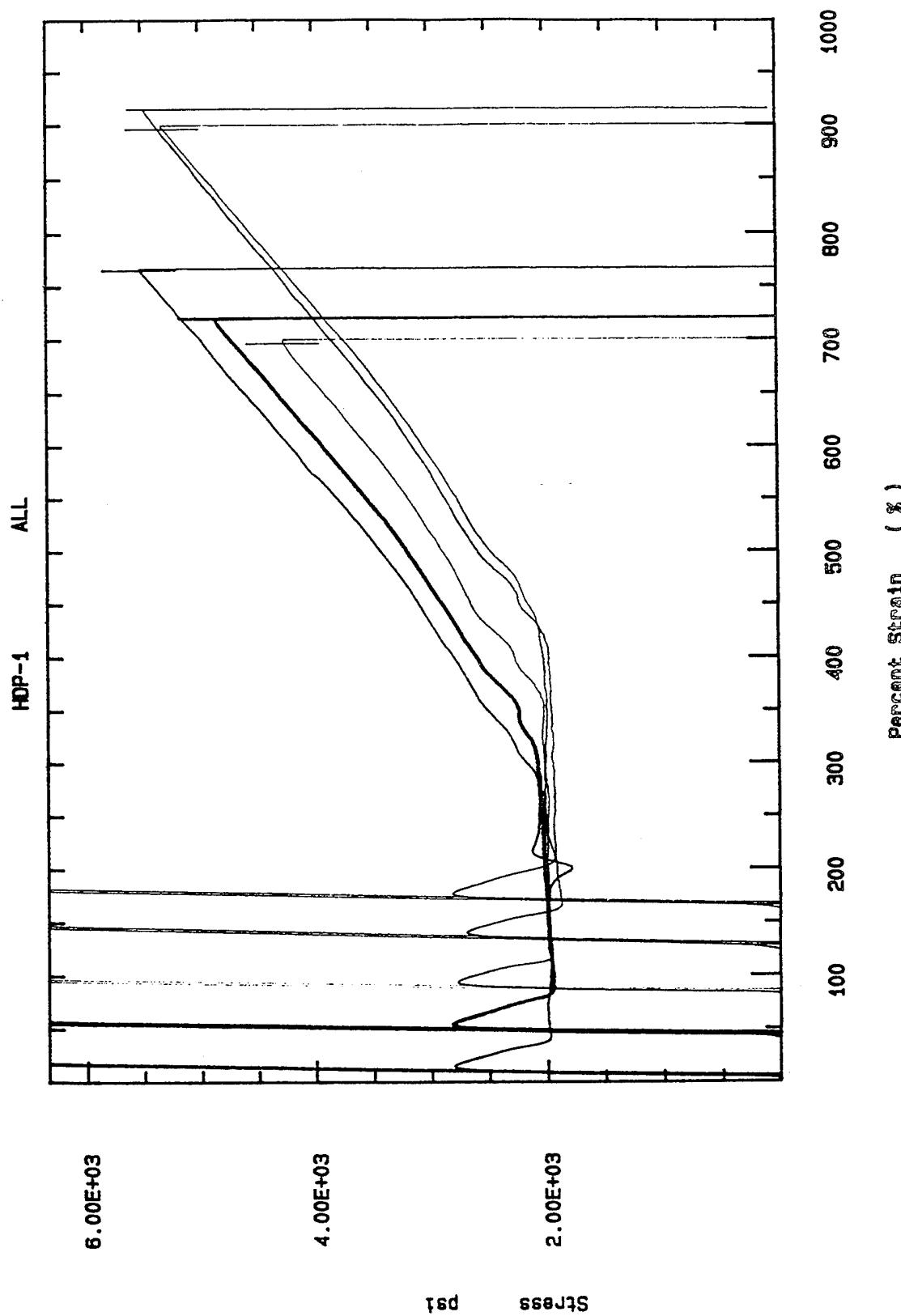
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	.086000	.086000	.083000	.086000	.083000
Thickness (in)	.086000	.086000	.083000	.086000	.083000
Width (in)	.24400	.24400	.24500	.24400	.24400
Gauge length (in)	2.5000	2.5000	2.5000	2.5000	2.5000
Specimen G.L. (in)	3.0000	3.0000	3.0000	3.0000	3.0000

Out of 5 specimens, 0 excluded.

Sample comments: SHORE D HARDNESS 65

Specimen Number	Load/Width		% Strain at	Strain at z-slp	Load/Width	
	Max.Load (lbs/in)	Max.Load (%)	Yield (in/in)	Yield (lbs/in)	Modulus (psi)	
1	475.4	762.2	.09794	240.6	51290.	
2	418.9	675.5	.09204	242.1	54250.	
3	354.2	614.8	.09293	229.4	55150.	
4	471.3	787.0	.11570	230.6	35380.	
5	442.6	734.1	.10660	233.0	42280.	
Mean:	432.5	714.7	.10100	235.1	47670.	
Standard Deviation:	49.4	69.6	.01002	5.8	8549.	



MECHANICAL PROPERTIES LABORATORIES  
BALLISTIC TEST DIVISION  
NAVAL ORDNANCE STATION INDIAN HEAD, MD.

ASTM D TYPE IV

Test type: Tensile

Instron Corporation  
Series IX Automated Materials Testing System v4.05a  
Test Date: December 8, 1990

Operator name: HUNTER

Sample Identification: BDP-2

Sample Type: ASTM

Interface Type: 4500 Series

Machine Parameters of test:

Sample Rate (pts/sec): 50.00

Humidity (%): 50

Crosshead Speed (in/min): 2.000

Temperature (deg. F): 73

DATE MARCH 11, 1991  
 PROGRAM HIGH DENSITY POLYETHYLENE  
 ASTM SPECIFICATION D638/D882  
 COMMENTS 2 CYCLES 30%  
 COMMENTS SAMPLES 50,51,52,56,& 57

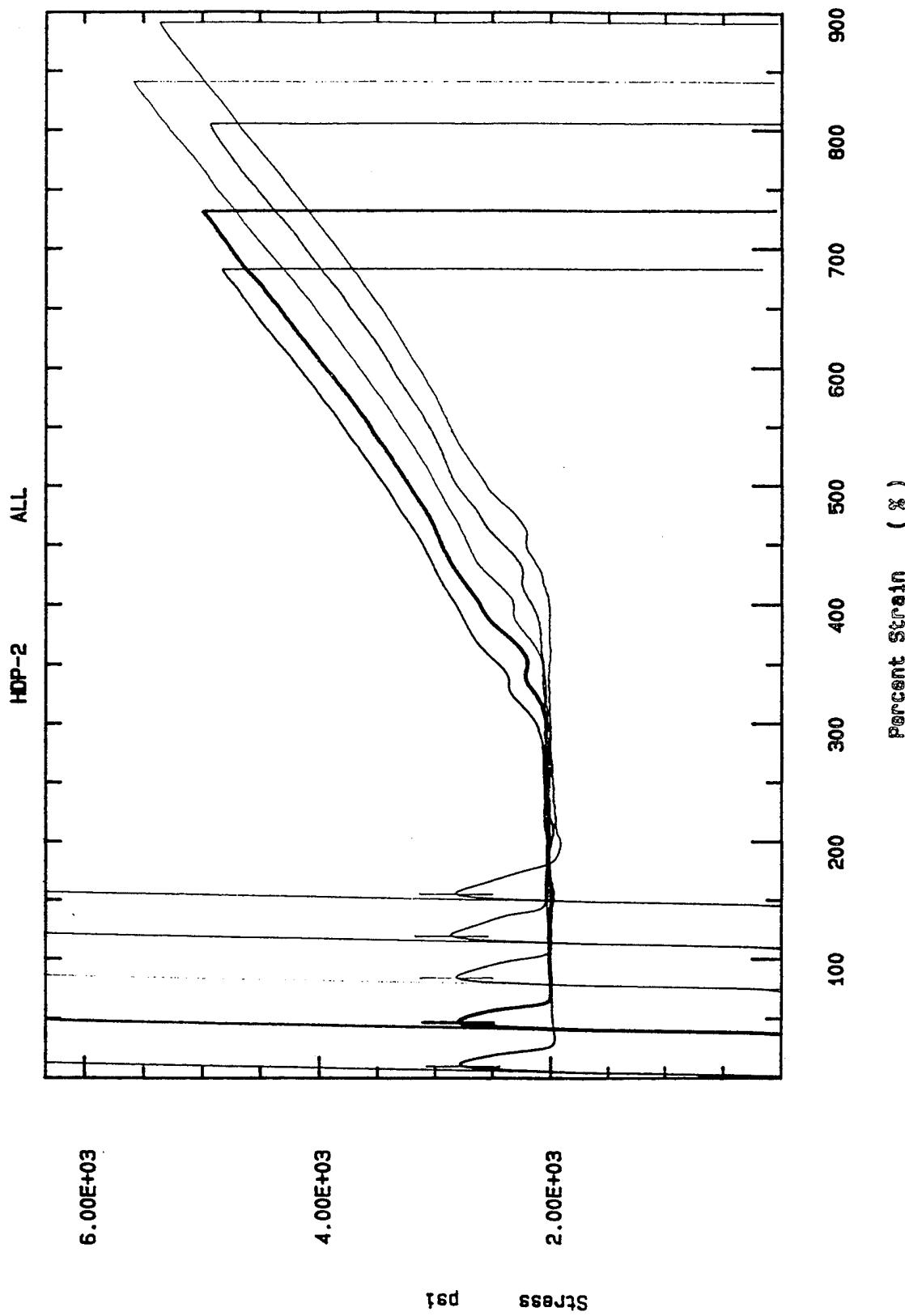
Dimensions:

Spec. 1 Spec. 2 Spec. 3 Spec. 4 Spec. 5

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Width (in)	.24500 .24400 .24500 .24300 .24400
Gauge length (in)	2.5000 2.5000 2.5000 2.5000 2.5000
Specimen G.L. (in)	3.0000 3.0000 3.0000 3.0000 3.0000

Out of 5 specimens, 0 excluded.

Specimen Number	Load/Width	% Strain	Strain	Load/Width	Modulus (psi)
	at Max. Load (lbs/in)	at Max. Load (%)	at z-slp Yield (in/in)	at z-slp Yield (lbs/in)	
1	381.7	680.7	.08251	217.5	54730.
2	401.1	694.7	.09477	224.1	54200.
3	447.3	765.5	.09421	224.7	53830.
4	419.8	694.8	.09438	242.5	52880.
5	429.5	745.3	.09358	225.4	54640.
Mean:	415.9	716.2	.09189	226.8	54060.
Standard Deviation:	25.4	36.9	.00526	9.3	750.



MECHANICAL PROPERTIES LABORATORIES  
BALLISTIC TEST DIVISION  
NAVAL ORDNANCE STATION INDIAN HEAD, MD.

ASTM D TYPE IV

Test type: Tensile

Instron Corporation  
Series IX Automated Materials Testing System v4.05a  
Test Date: December 8, 1990

Operator name: HUNTER

Sample Type: ASTM

Sample Identification: HDP-3

Humidity (%): 50

Interface Type: 4500 Series

Temperature (deg. F): 73

Machine Parameters of test:

Sample Rate (pts/sec): 50.00

Crosshead Speed (in/min): 2.000

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 PROGRAM HIGH DENSITY POLYETHYLENE  
 ASTM SPECIFICATION D638/D882 SHORE D 65  
 COMMENTS 2 CYCLES 65%  
 COMMENTS SAMPLES 25,26,34,35, & 36

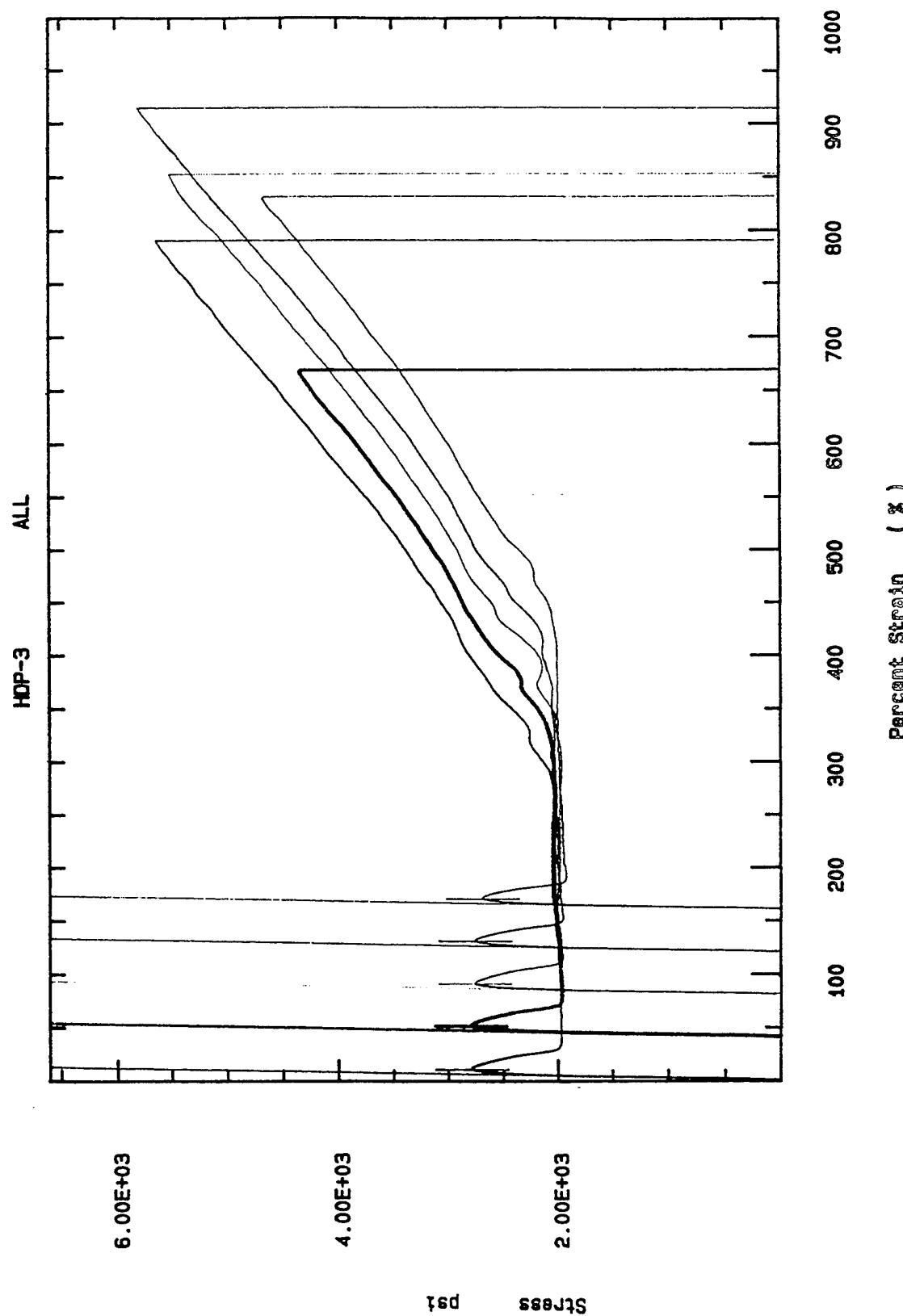
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Spec. 1 Spec. 2 Spec. 3 Spec. 4 Spec. 5

Thickness (in)	.084000	.083000	.079000	.082000	.082000
Width (in)	.24500	.24400	.24400	.24400	.24400
Gauge length (in)	2.5000	2.5000	2.5000	2.5000	2.5000
Specimen G.L. (in)	3.0000	3.0000	3.0000	3.0000	3.0000

Out of 5 specimens, 0 excluded.

Specimen Number	Load/Width at Max.Load	% Strain at Max.Load	Strain at z-slp	Load/Width at z-slp	Modulus
	(lbs/in)	(%)	(in/in)	(lbs/in)	(psi)
1	473.5	788.5	.09244	233.9	55460.
2	361.6	626.5	.09703	232.1	52630.
3	435.2	770.6	.09463	217.5	54700.
4	476.2	792.8	.09552	225.8	53350.
5	383.2	668.9	.09246	220.4	53570.
Mean:	425.9	729.5	.09441	225.9	53940.
Standard Deviation:	52.1	76.6	.00199	7.1	1126.



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ASTM D TYPE IV

Test type: Tensile

Instron Corporation  
Series IX Automated Materials Testing System v4.05a  
Test Date: December 8, 1990

Operator name: HUNTER

Sample Identification: HDP-4

Sample Type: ASTM

Interface Type: 4500 Series

Machine Parameters of test:

Sample Rate (pts/sec): 50.00

Humidity (%): 50

Crosshead Speed (in/min): 2.000

Temperature (deg. F): 73

DATE MARCH 11, 1991  
 PROGRAM HIGH DENSITY POLYETHYLENE  
 ASTM SPECIFICATION D638/D882 SHORE D 65  
 COMMENTS 2 CYCLES 5%  
 COMMENTS SAMPLES 25,28,39,75, & 75

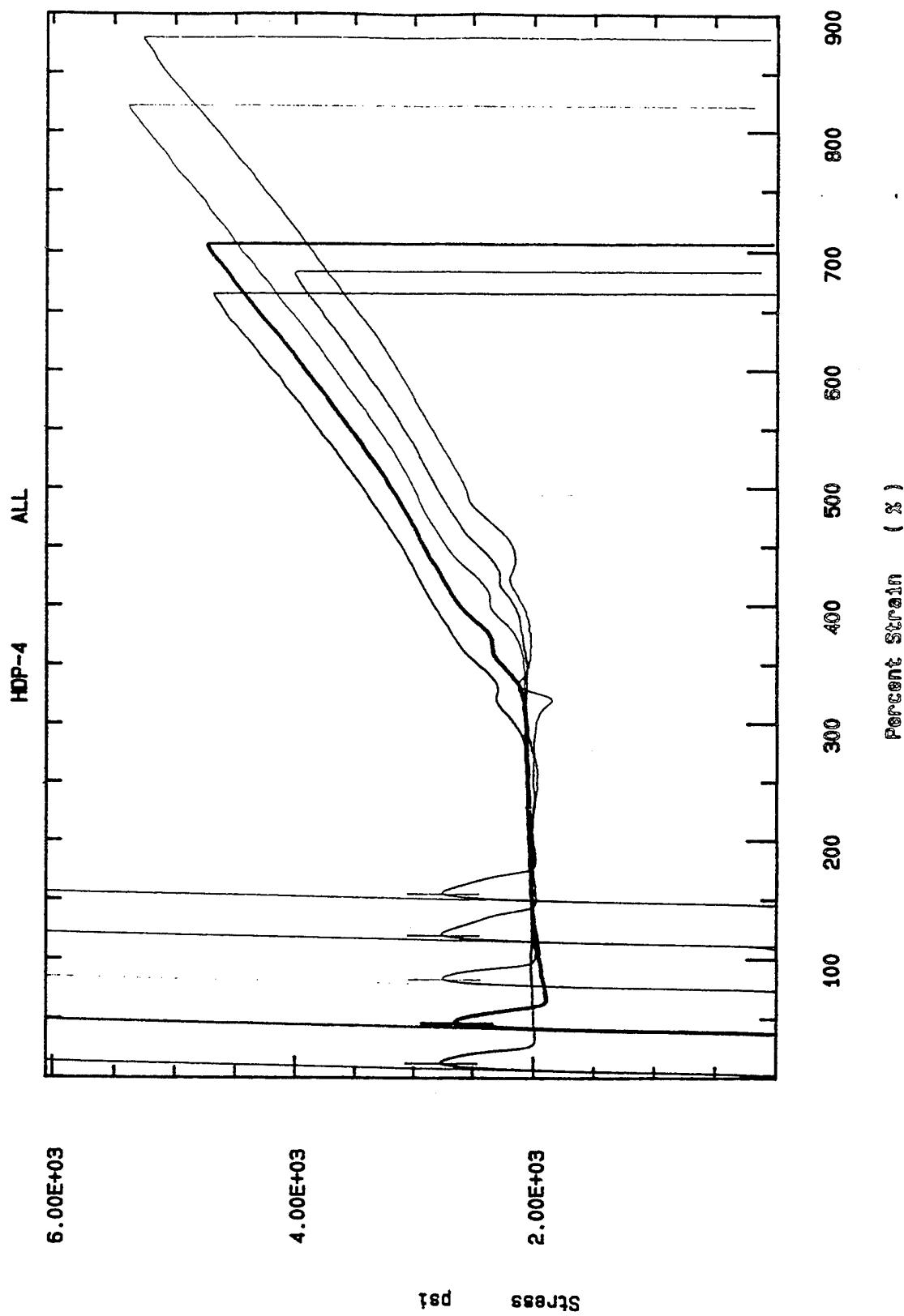
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Spec. 1 Spec. 2 Spec. 3 Spec. 4 Spec. 5

Thickness (in)	.083000	.083000	.082000	.081000	.083000
Width (in)	.24400	.24400	.24400	.24400	.24400
Gauge length (in)	2.5000	2.5000	2.5000	2.5000	2.5000
Specimen G.L. (in)	3.0000	3.0000	3.0000	3.0000	3.0000

Out of 5 specimens, 0 excluded.

Specimen Number	Load/Width at Max.Load	% Strain at Max.Load	Strain at z-slp Yield	Load/Width at z-slp Yield	Modulus
	(lbs/in)	(%)	(in/in)	(lbs/in)	(psi)
1	389.2	661.5	.09666	229.3	51490.
2	394.0	667.9	.08781	218.7	50760.
3	442.2	747.1	.09103	224.4	52300.
4	324.6	570.4	.08908	222.3	52110.
5	437.7	733.7	.09268	228.4	53660.
Mean:	397.5	676.1	.09145	224.6	52060.
Standard Deviation:	47.5	70.4	.00345	4.4	1077.



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ASTM D TYPE IV

Test type: Tensile

Instron Corporation  
Series IX Automated Materials Testing System v4.05a  
Test Date: December 8, 1990

Operator name: HUNTER

Sample Type: ASTM

Sample Identification: HDP-5

Interface Type: 4500 Series

Machine Parameters of test:

Sample Rate (pts/sec): 50.00

Humidity (%): 50

Crosshead Speed (in/min): 2.000

Temperature (deg. F): 73

DATE MARCH 8, 1991  
 PROGRAM HIGH DENSITY POLYETHYLENE  
 ASTM SPECIFICATION D638/D882  
 COMMENTS 2 CYCLES 100%  
 COMMENTS

Dimensions:

Spec. 1 Spec. 2 Spec. 3 Spec. 4 Spec. 5

Thickness (in)	.082000	.081000	.082000	.089000	.083000
Width (in)	.24400	.24500	.24400	.24200	.24400
Gauge length (in)	2.5000	2.5000	2.5000	2.5000	2.5000
Specimen G.L. (in)	3.0000	3.0000	3.0000	3.0000	3.0000

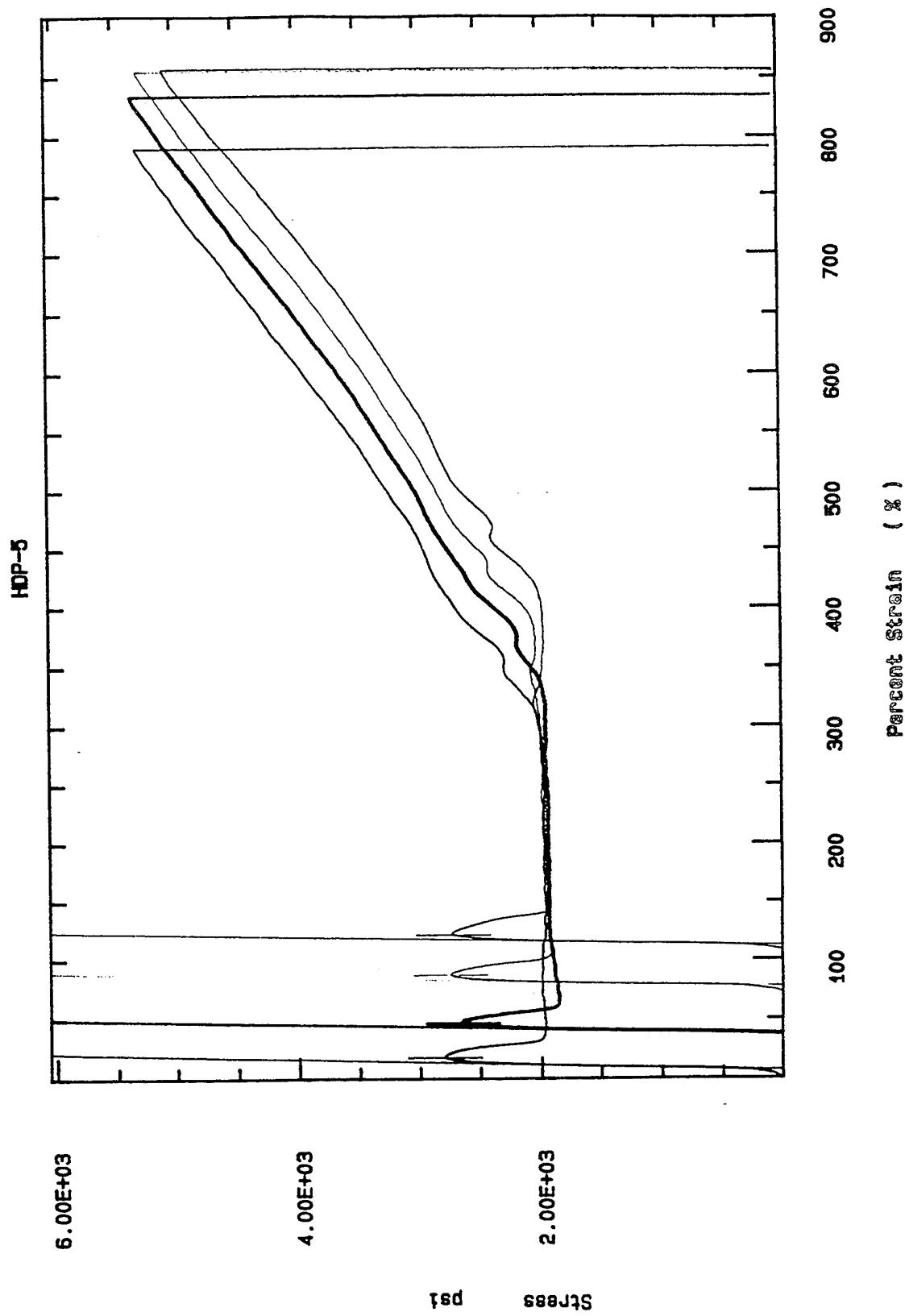
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Specimen Number	Load/Width		* Strain at Max. Load	Strain at z-slp	Load/Width	Modulus (psi)
	(lbs/in)	(%)	(in/in)	(lbs/in)		

1	435.7	784.2	.11190	228.5	39490.
2	433.9	796.8	.08965	214.1	48320.
3	434.8	776.9	.10110	224.4	49030.
4	451.7	743.6	.09404	241.4	49270.
*Excluded*	449.2	792.9	.09886	230.6	50130.

Mean:	439.0	775.4	.09917	227.1	46530.
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Standard Deviation:	8.5	22.7	.00970	11.3	4711.
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## ASTM D TYPE IV

Test type:	Tensile	Instron Corporation
Operator name:	HUNTER	Series IX Automated Materials Testing System v4.05a
Sample Identification:	BDP-5A	Test Date: December 8, 1990
Interface Type:	4500 Series	Sample Type: ASTM
Machine Parameters of test:		
Sample Rate (pts/sec):	50.00	Humidity (%): 50
Crosshead Speed (in/min):	2.000	Temperature (deg. F): 73

DATE MARCH 8, 1991  
 PROGRAM HIGH DENSITY POLYETHYLENE  
 ASTM SPECIFICATION D638/D882  
 COMMENTS 2 CYCLES 100%  
 COMMENTS SAMPLE #24

Dimensions:  
 Spec. 1

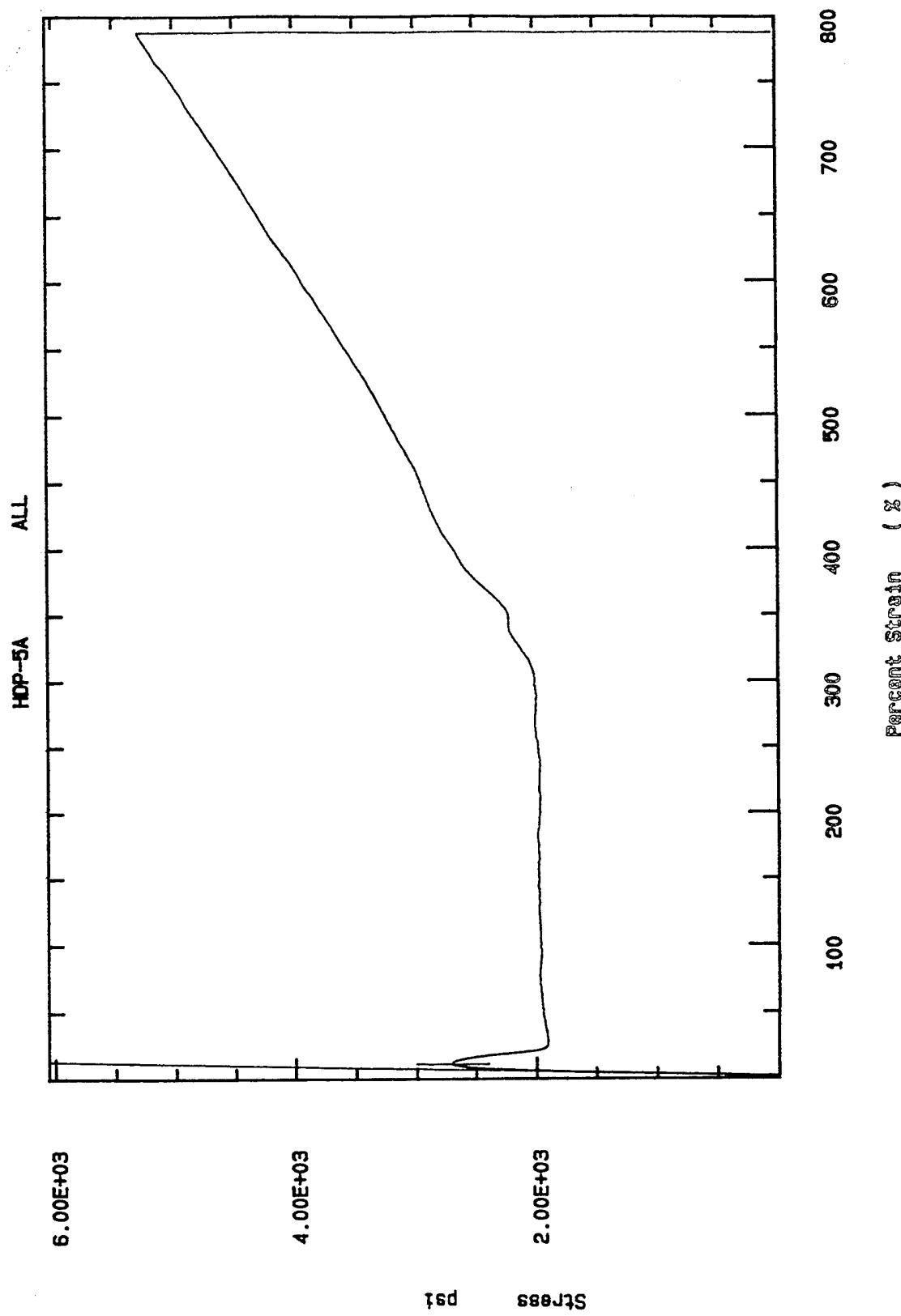
Thickness (in)	.080000
Width (in)	.24400
Gauge length (in)	2.5000
Specimen G.L. (in)	3.0000

Out of 1 specimens, 0 excluded.

Specimen Number	Load/Width		% Strain at Max.Load	Strain at z-slp	Load/Width at z-slp	Modulus (psi)
	Max.Load (lbs/in)	Max.Load (%)	Yield (in/in)	Yield (lbs/in)		
1	423.8	785.6	.09352	215.5	51430.	

Mean: 423.8 785.6 .09352 215.5 51430.

Standard Deviation: ----- ----- ----- ----- -----



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ASTM D TYPE IV

Test type: Tensile

Instron Corporation  
 Series IX Automated Materials Testing System v4.05a  
 Test Date: December 8, 1990

Operator name: HUNTER

Sample Identification: HDPE-6

Sample Type: ASTM

Interface type: 4500 Series

Machine Parameters of test:

Sample Rate (pts/sec): 50.00

Humidity (%): 50

Crosshead Speed (in/min): 2.000

Temperature (deg. F): 73

DATE MARCH 11, 1991  
 PROGRAM HIGH DENSITY POLYETHYLENE  
 ASTM SPECIFICATION D638/D882 SHORE D 60  
 COMMENTS 5 CYCLES 5%  
 COMMENTS SAMPLES 64,65,67,70, & 73

Dimensions:

Spec. 1 Spec. 2 Spec. 3 Spec. 4 Spec. 5

	.080000	.080000	.088000	.083000	.083000
Thickness (in)	.080000	.080000	.088000	.083000	.083000
Width (in)	.24600	.24500	.24700	.24500	.24500
Gauge length (in)	2.5000	2.5000	2.5000	2.5000	2.5000
Specimen G.L. (in)	3.0000	3.0000	3.0000	3.0000	3.0000

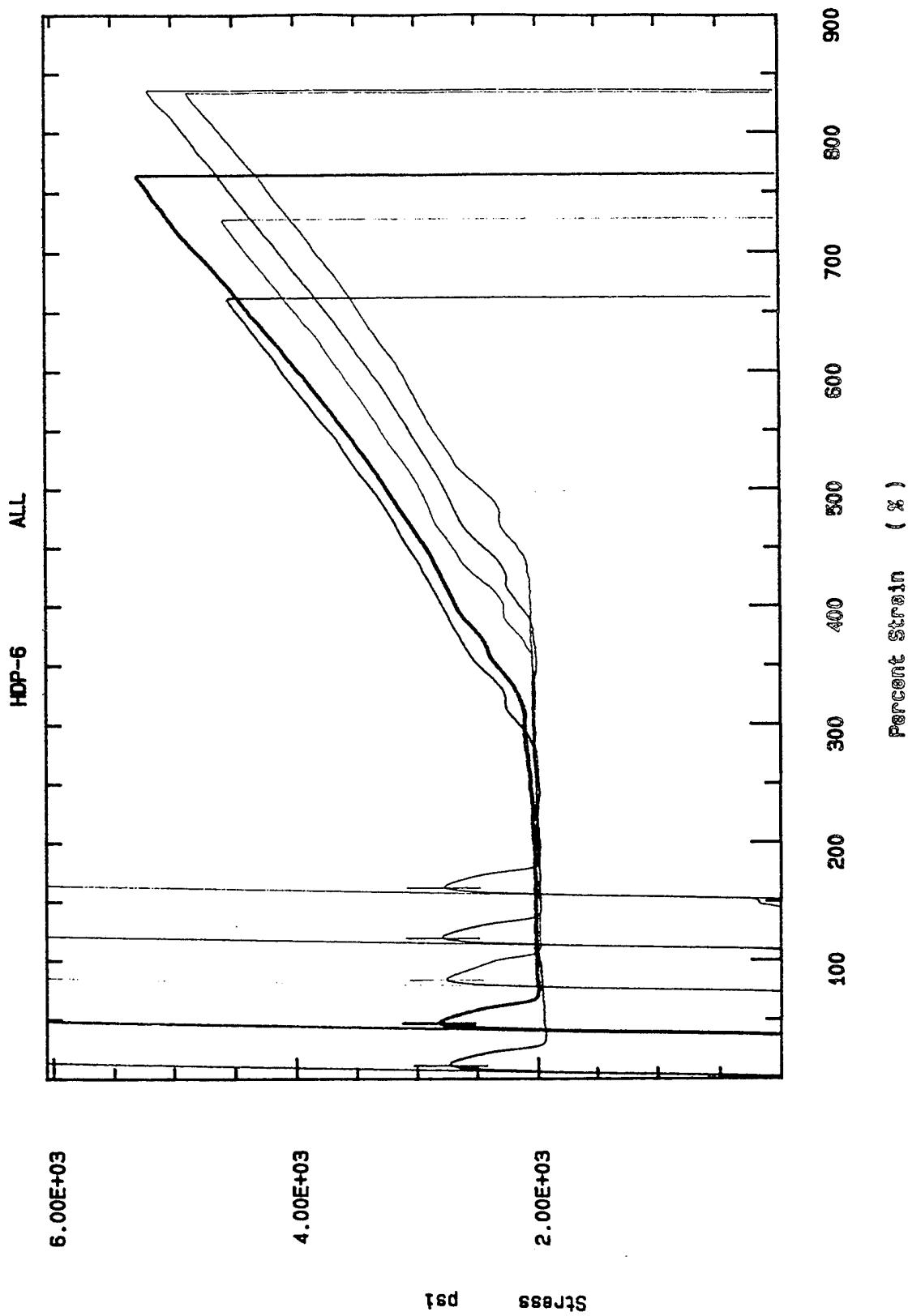
Out of 5 specimens, 0 excluded.

Specimen Number	Load/Width		% Strain at Max. Load	Strain at z-slp	Load/Width	Modulus (psi)
	(lbs/in)	(%)	(in/in)	(lbs/in)		

1	363.8	658.3	.09265	217.3	51510.
2	424.1	726.6	.09769	225.1	52580.
3	403.8	652.6	.09883	241.8	52260.
4	431.8	725.3	.09486	230.6	53170.
5	405.3	681.9	.09949	229.4	49850.

Mean:	405.8	688.9	.09670	228.8	51870.
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Standard Deviation:	26.4	35.5	.00288	8.9	1278.
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ASTM D TYPE IV

Test type: Tensile

Instron Corporation  
Series IX Automated Materials Testing System v4.05a  
Test Date: December 8, 1990

Operator name: HUNTER

Sample Identification: HDPE-7

Sample Type: ASTM

Interface Type: 4500 Series

Machine Parameters of test:

Sample Rate (pts/sec): 50.00

Humidity (%): 50

Crosshead Speed (in/min): 2.000

Temperature (deg. F): 73

DATE MARCH 12, 1991  
PROGRAM HIGH DENSITY POLYETHYLENE  
ASTM SPECIFICATION D638/D882  
COMMENTS 5 CYCLES 30% SHORE D 58  
COMMENTS SAMPLES 47,48,49,55, & 59

Dimensions:

Spec. 1 Spec. 2 Spec. 3 Spec. 4 Spec. 5

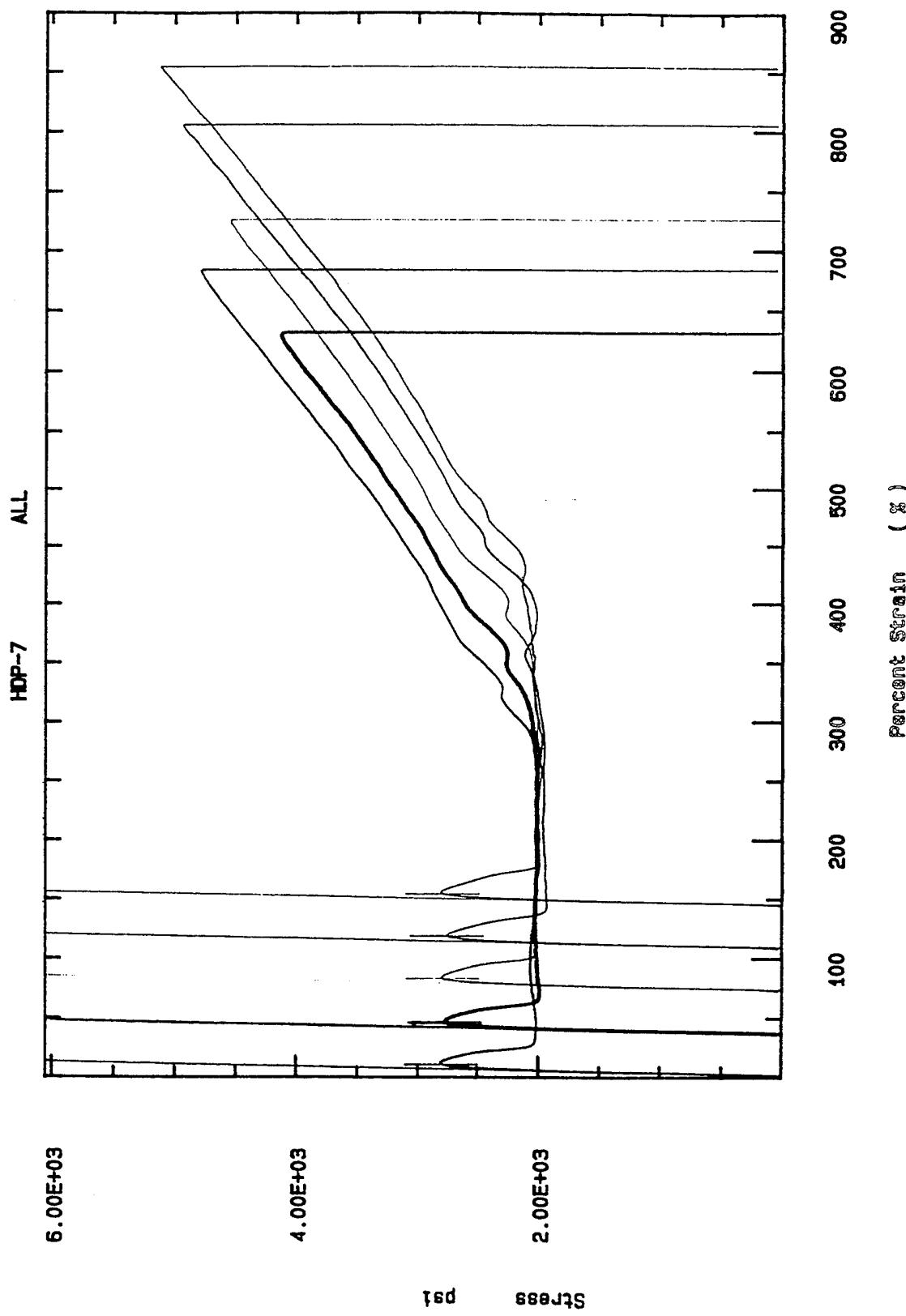
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Thickness (in)	.083000	.078000	.087000	.080000	.081000
Width (in)	.24500	.24600	.24500	.24400	.24490
Gauge length (in)	2.5000	2.5000	2.5000	2.5000	2.5000
Specimen G.L. (in)	3.0000	3.0000	3.0000	3.0000	3.0000

Out of 5 specimens, 0 excluded.

Specimen Number	Load/Width	% Strain at Max.Load	Strain at z-slp	Load/Width	Modulus (psi)
	(lbs/in)	(%)	(in/in)	(lbs/in)	
1	397.8	680.4	.09060	231.8	52270.
2	322.7	592.8	.09289	216.1	53590.
3	396.0	650.8	.09266	242.3	52410.
4	395.4	694.9	.09314	219.9	54330.
5	415.6	708.7	.08652	225.8	56480.

Mean:	385.5	665.5	.09116	227.2	53820.
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Standard Deviation:	36.1	46.0	.00278	10.4	1717.
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ASTM D TYPE IV

Test type:	Tensile	Instron Corporation
Operator name:	HUNTER	Series II Automated Materials Testing System v4.05a
		Test Date: December 8, 1990
Sample Identification:	HDP-8	Sample type: ASTM
Interface Type:	4500 Series	
Machine Parameters of test:		
Sample Rate (pts/sec):	50.00	Humidity (%): 50
Crosshead Speed (in/min):	2.000	Temperature (deg. F): 73

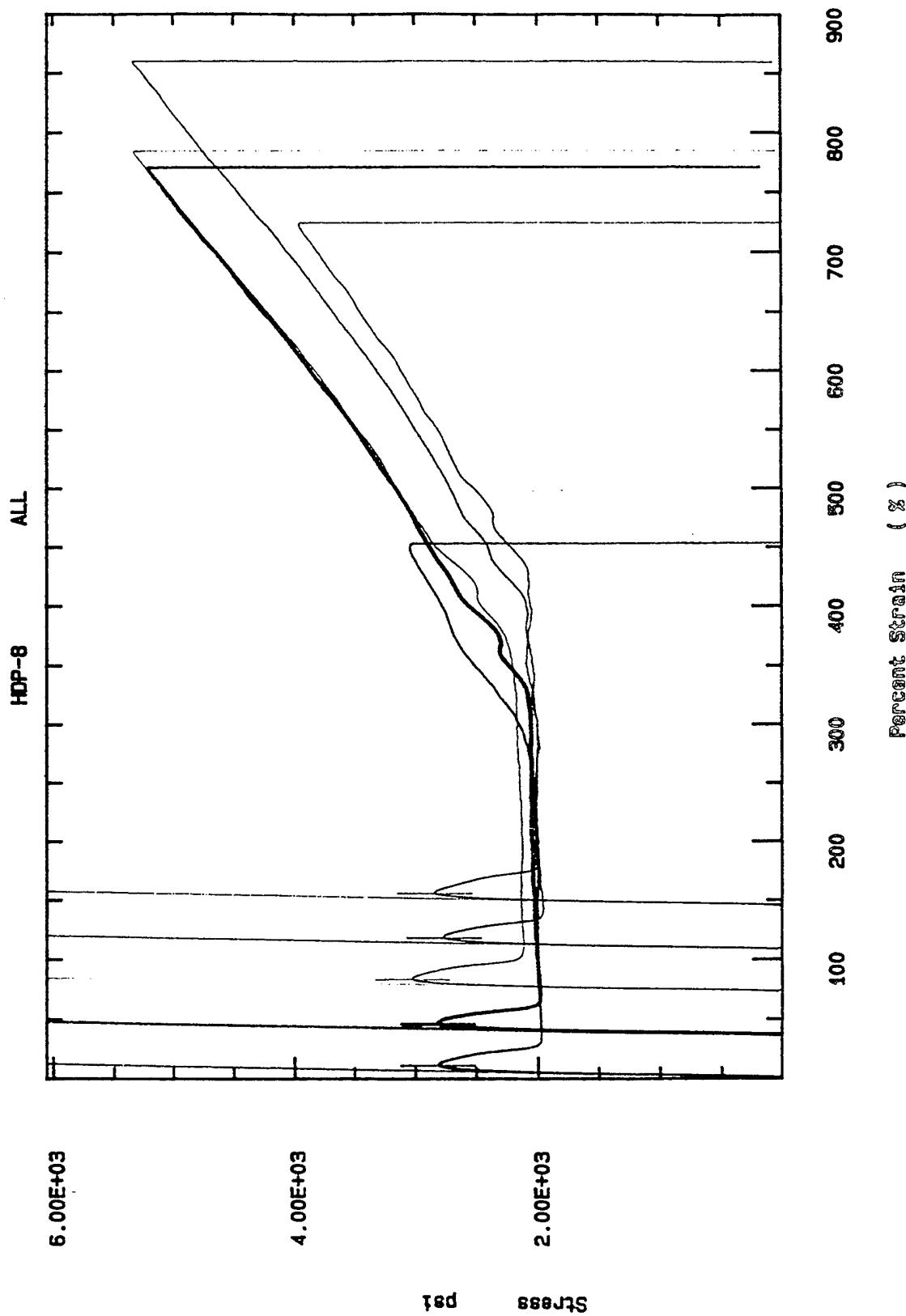
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 PROGRAM HIGH DENSITY POLYETHYLENE  
 ASTM SPECIFICATION D638/D882  
 COMMENTS 5 CYCLES 65% SHORE D 58  
 COMMENTS SAMPLES 30,37,38,39, & 40

Dimensions:  
 Spec. 1 Spec. 2 Spec. 3 Spec. 4 Spec. 5

Thickness (in)	.087000	.083000	.080000	.080000	.083000
Width (in)	.24500	.24500	.24400	.24400	.24500
Gauge length (in)	2.5000	2.5000	2.5000	2.5000	2.5000
Specimen G.L. (in)	3.0000	3.0000	3.0000	3.0000	3.0000

Out of 5 specimens, 0 excluded.

Specimen Number	Load/Width	% Strain at Max. Load	Strain at z-slp	Load/Width	Modulus (psi)
	(lbs/in)	(%)	(in/in)	(lbs/in)	
1	264.9	447.5	.09626	244.5	53870.
2	433.5	732.9	.09006	233.4	54990.
3	426.6	709.6	.09561	241.6	56560.
4	427.9	750.0	.09174	220.8	54720.
5	329.2	576.5	.09595	235.6	52670.
Mean:	376.4	643.3	.09392	235.2	54560.
Standard Deviation:	76.0	129.0	.00284	9.2	1436.



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ASTM D TYPE IV

Test type:	Tensile	Instron Corporation
Operator name:	HUNTER	Series IX Automated Materials Testing System v4.05a
		Test Date: December 8, 1990
Sample Identification:	HDP-9	Sample type: ASTM
Interface Type:	4500 Series	
Machine Parameters of test:		
Sample Rate (pts/sec):	50.00	Humidity (%): 50
Crosshead Speed (in/min):	2.000	Temperature (deg. F): 73

DATE MARCH 11, 1991  
 PROGRAM HIGH DENSITY POLYETHYLENE  
 ASTM SPECIFICATION D638/D882  
 COMMENTS 5 CYCLES 100%  
 COMMENTS SAMPLES 7,9,10,11, & 13

Dimensions:  
 Spec. 1 Spec. 2 Spec. 3 Spec. 4 Spec. 5

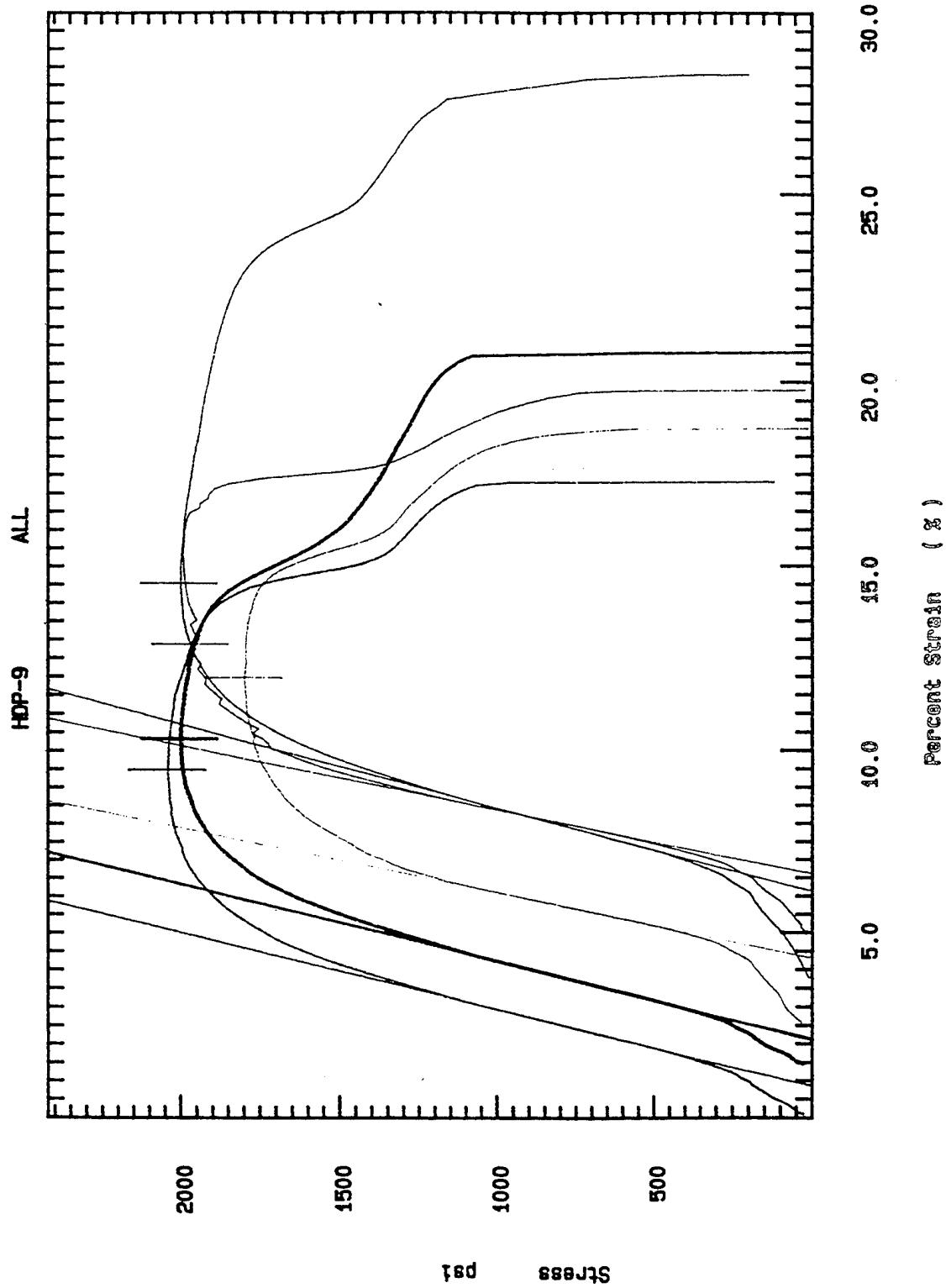
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Width (in)	.24400	.24500	.24300	.24400	.24400
Gauge length (in)	2.5000	2.5000	2.5000	2.5000	2.5000
Specimen G.L. (in)	3.0000	3.0000	3.0000	3.0000	3.0000

Out of 5 specimens, 0 excluded.

Specimen Number	Load/Width		% Strain		Load/Width	Modulus
	Max.Load (lbs/in)	at Max.Load (%)	at z-slp (in/in)	Yield Yield		
1	159.3	8.470	.08606	159.2	48200.	
2	160.4	8.362	.08181	160.3	47610.	
3	138.5	7.629	.07637	138.5	56120.	
4	156.1	8.392	.08394	156.1	43700.	
5	167.4	8.798	.08245	165.2	56810.	

Mean:	156.3	8.330	.07813	155.9	50490.
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Standard Deviation:	10.8	.429	.00948	10.3	5728.
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ASTM D TYPE IV

Test type:	Tensile	Instron Corporation
Operator name:	HUNTER	Series IX Automated Materials Testing System v4.05a
		Test Date: December 9, 1990
Sample Identification:	HDP-10	Sample Type: ASTM
Interface Type:	4500 Series	
Machine Parameters of test:		
Sample Rate (pts/sec):	50.00	Humidity (%): 50
Crosshead Speed (in/min):	2.000	Temperature (deg. F): 73

DATE MARCH 19, 1991  
 PROGRAM HIGH DENSITY POLYETHYLENE  
 ASTM SPECIFICATION D638/D882 SHORE D 62  
 COMMENTS SAMPLES 61,62,63,71, & 73  
 COMMENTS 5% 15 CYCLES

Dimensions:  
 Spec. 1 Spec. 2 Spec. 3 Spec. 4 Spec. 5 Spec. 6 Spec. 7

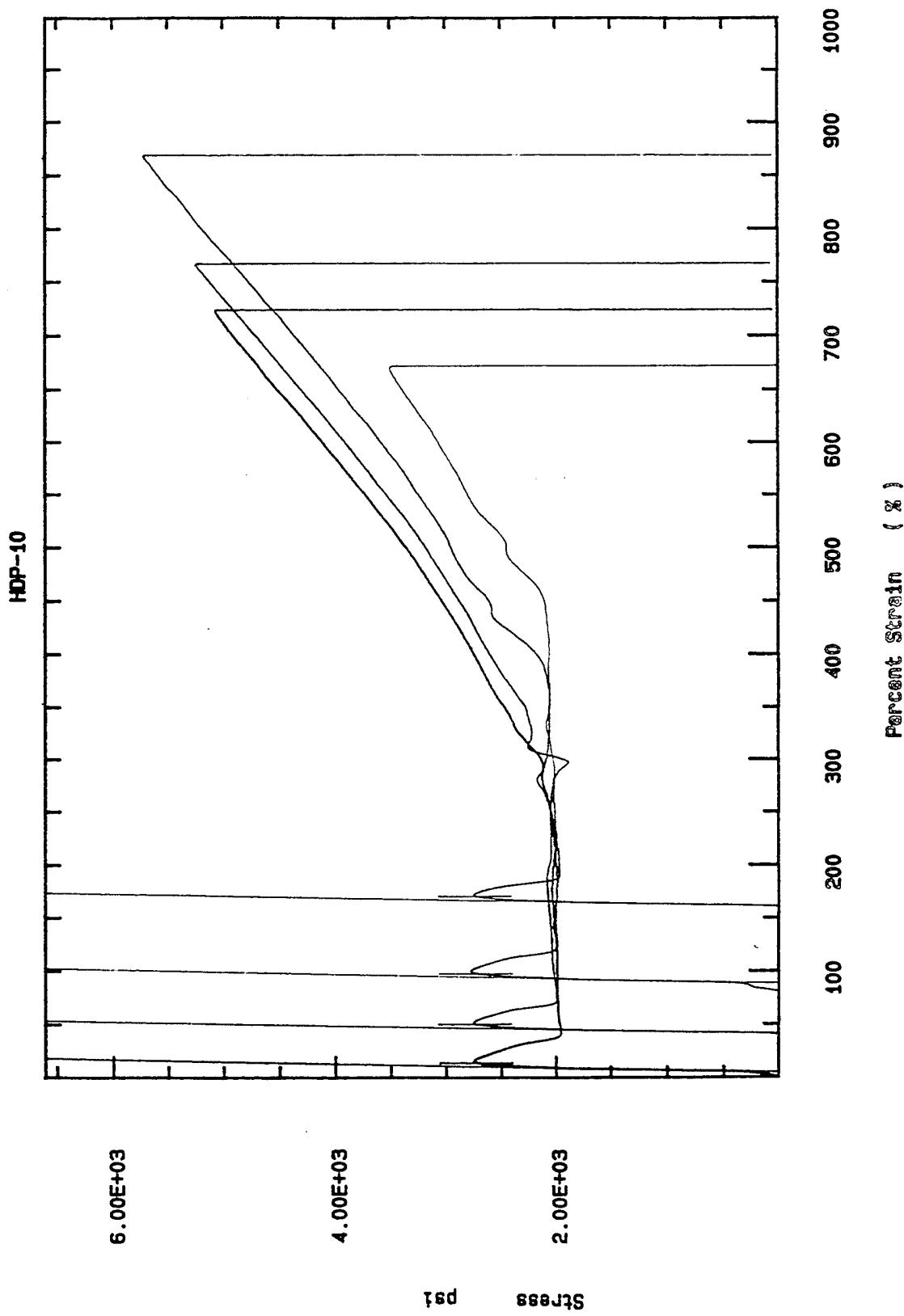
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Width (in)	.24500	.24400	.24400	.24400	.24400	.24500
Gauge length (in)	2.5000	2.5000	2.5000	2.5000	2.5000	2.5000
Specimen G.L. (in)	3.0000	3.0000	3.0000	3.0000	3.0000	3.0000

Out of 7 specimens, 2 excluded.

Specimen Number	Load/Width	* Strain at Max.Load	Strain at z-slp	Load/Width	Modulus (psi)
	(lbs/in)	(%)	(in/in)	(lbs/in)	
1	406.50	717.900	.089560	217.700	49070.
*Excluded*	67.87	9.292	.052900	14.020	4740.
*Excluded*	10.18	5.281	.002583	2.404	11710.
4	430.30	724.600	.090860	224.500	54040.
5	469.70	779.700	.088900	223.200	45480.
6	462.70	796.000	.090430	216.500	42860.
7	284.30	508.500	.091520	221.800	52300.

Mean: 410.70 705.300 .090260 220.700 48950.

Standard Deviation: 75.09 115.100 .001038 3.472 4481.



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ASTM D TYPE IV

Test type:	Tensile	Instron Corporation
Operator name:	HUNTER	Series IX Automated Materials Testing System v4.05a
Sample Identification:	BDP-11	Test Date: December 9, 1990
Interface Type:	4500 Series	
Machine Parameters of test:		Sample Type: ASTM
Sample Rate (pts/sec):	50.00	Humidity (%): 50
Crosshead Speed (in/min):	2.000	Temperature (deg. F): 73

DATE MARCH 19, 1991  
 PROGRAM HIGH DENSITY POLYETHYLENE  
 ASTM SPECIFICATION D638/D882 SHORE D 64  
 COMMENTS SAMPLES 43,44,45,46, & 53  
 COMMENTS 30% 15 CYCLES

Dimensions:  
 Spec. 1 Spec. 2 Spec. 3 Spec. 4 Spec. 5 Spec. 6

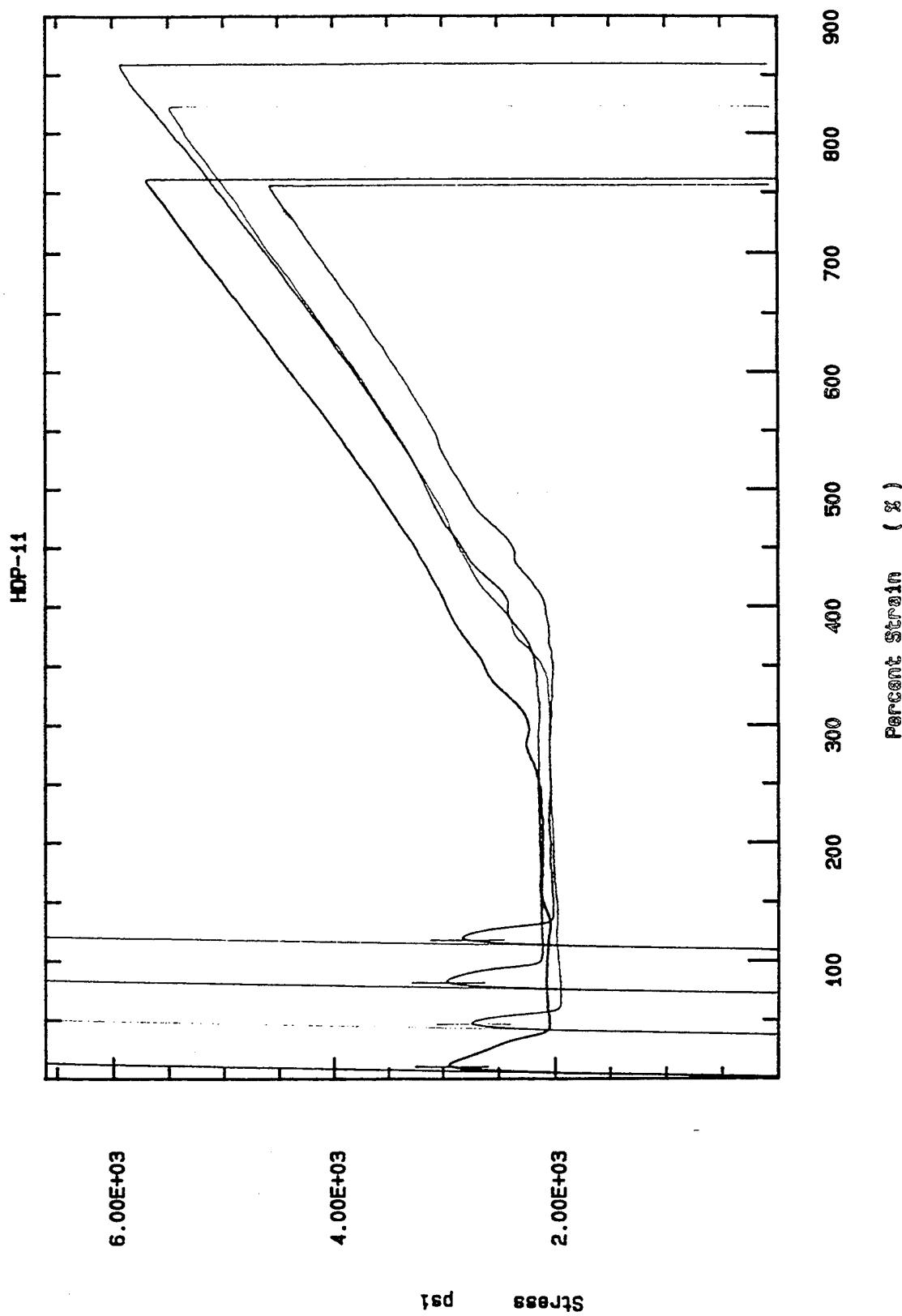
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Width (in)	.24400	.24400	.24400	.24400	.24400	.24400
Gauge length (in)	2.5000	2.5000	2.5000	2.5000	2.5000	2.5000
Specimen G.L. (in)	3.0000	3.0000	3.0000	3.0000	3.0000	3.0000

Out of 6 specimens, 1 excluded.

Specimen Number	Load/Width		Strain		Modulus (psi)
	Max. Load (lbs/in)	at Max. Load (%)	at z-slp (in/in)	Yield Yield	
1	468.0	758.3	.08799	239.6	55920.
*Excluded*	468.0	759.6	-----	-----	1858000.
3	439.8	782.9	.09020	218.0	52010.
4	481.1	785.9	.09034	239.2	58420.
5	371.9	646.2	.08141	225.4	57480.
6	376.1	660.7	.08761	223.6	52890.

Mean: 427.4      726.8      .08751      229.2      55340.

Standard Deviation: 51.0      68.0      .00363      9.7      2806.



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ASTM D TYPE IV

Test type:	Tensile	Instron Corporation
Operator name:	HUNTER	Series IX Automated Materials Testing System v4.05a
		Test Date: December 9, 1990
Sample Identification:	HDP-12	Sample Type: ASTM
Interface Type:	4500 Series	
Machine Parameters of test:		
Sample Rate (pts/sec):	50.00	Humidity (%): 50
Crosshead Speed (in/min):	2.000	Temperature (deg. F): 73

DATE MARCH 19, 1991  
 PROGRAM HIGH DENSITY POLYETHYLENE  
 ASTM SPECIFICATION D638/D882 SHORE D 64  
 COMMENTS SAMPLES 27,28,29,31, & 32  
 COMMENTS 65% 15 CYCLES

Dimensions:  
 Spec. 1 Spec. 2 Spec. 3 Spec. 4 Spec. 5 Spec. 6

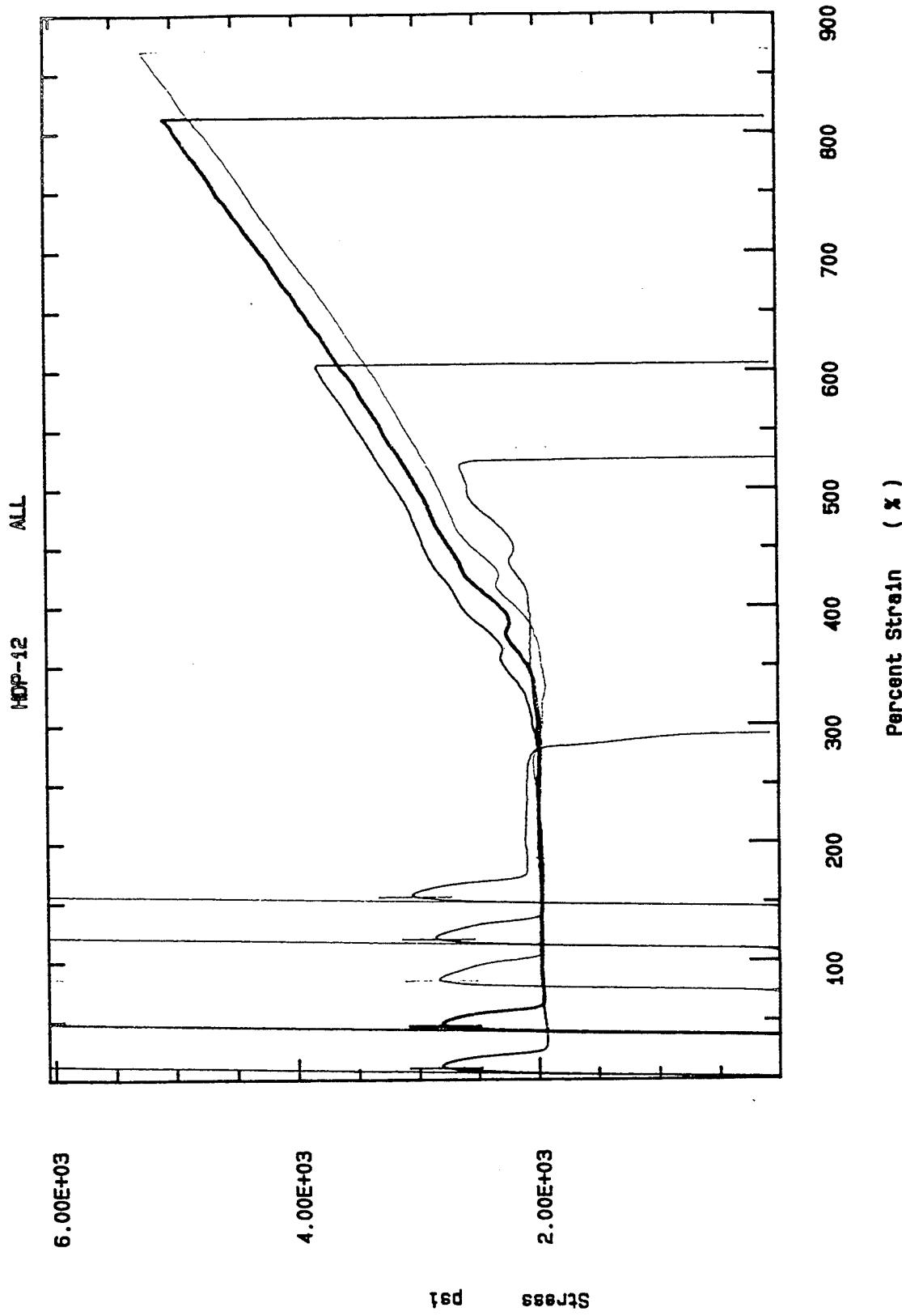
Thickness (in)	.081000	.081000	.081000	.080000	.081000	.081000
Width (in)	.24400	.24400	.24400	.24400	.24400	.24400
Gauge length (in)	2.5000	2.5000	2.5000	2.5000	2.5000	2.5000
Specimen G.L. (in)	3.0000	3.0000	3.0000	3.0000	3.0000	3.0000

Out of 6 specimens, 0 excluded.

Specimen Number	Load/Width		Strain at z-slp	Strain Yield (in/in)	Load/Width at z-slp (lbs/in)	Modulus (psi)
	Max.Load (lbs/in)	(*)				
1	310.1	602.30	.08433	225.0	54930.	
2	411.9	776.00	.08636	225.8	53480.	
3	425.8	795.00	.09031	227.7	52340.	
4	229.0	10.42	.08737	226.5	53600.	
5	247.8	10.41	.08909	245.4	56720.	
6	230.7	444.50	.09440	222.2	48090.	

Mean:	309.2	439.80	.08864	228.8	53190.
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Standard Deviation:	90.0	356.20	.00351	8.4	2913.
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HDPE SAMPLE TESTING IN ACID  
 CALCULATE LOAD/AREA FROM LOAD/WIDTH (AS REPORTED)  
 HDPE Testing; quattro; hdpe-1

Baseline	Ld/Wid.M	Ld/A	Max	Ld/Wid.Y	Ld/A	Yld
Thick	lb/in	lb/in <sup>2</sup>	lb/in	lb/in	lb/in <sup>2</sup>	

0.086	475.4	5527.91	240.6	2797.67	
0.086	418.9	4870.93	242.1	2815.12	
0.083	354.2	4267.47	229.4	2763.86	
0.086	471.3	5480.23	230.6	2681.40	
0.083	442.6	5332.53	233	2807.23	
Mean	432.48	5095.81	235.14	2773.05	
Std. Dev.	44.19	474.81	5.22	49.05	

2 x 5%	Ld/Wid.M	Ld/A	Max	Ld/Wid.Y	Ld/A	Yld
Thick	lb/in	lb/in <sup>2</sup>	lb/in	lb/in	lb/in <sup>2</sup>	

0.083	389.2	4689.16	229.3	2762.65	
0.083	394	4746.99	218.7	2634.94	
0.082	442.2	5392.68	224.4	2736.59	
0.081	324.6	4007.41	222.3	2744.44	
0.083	437.7	5273.49	228.4	2751.81	
Mean	397.54	4821.95	224.62	2726.09	
Std. Dev.	42.45	493.23	3.92	46.38	

5 x 5%	Ld/Wid.M	Ld/A	Max	Ld/Wid.Y	Ld/A	Yld
Thick	lb/in	lb/in <sup>2</sup>	lb/in	lb/in	lb/in <sup>2</sup>	

0.08	363.8	4547.50	217.3	2716.25	
0.08	424.1	5301.25	225.1	2813.75	
0.088	403.8	4588.64	241.8	2747.73	
0.083	431.8	5202.41	230.6	2778.31	
0.083	405.3	4883.13	229.4	2763.86	
Mean	405.76	4904.59	228.84	2763.98	
Std. Dev.	23.58	307.84	7.98	32.33	

15 x 5%	Ld/Wid.M	Ld/A	Max	Ld/Wid.Y	Ld/A	Yld
Thick	lb/in	lb/in <sup>2</sup>	lb/in	lb/in	lb/in <sup>2</sup>	

0.08	406.5	5081.25	217.7	2721.25	
0.082	430.3	5247.561	224.5	2737.805	
0.082	469.7	5728.049	223.2	2721.951	
0.082	462.7	5642.683	216.5	2640.244	
0.081	284.3	3509.877	221.8	2738.272	
Mean	410.7	5041.884	220.74	2711.904	
Std. Dev.	67.18	802.83	3.12	36.58	

2 x 30%	Ld/Wid.M	Ld/A	Max	Ld/Wid.Y	Ld/A	Yld
Thick	lb/in	lb/in <sup>2</sup>	lb/in	lb/in	lb/in <sup>2</sup>	

0.079	381.7	4831.65	217.5	2753.16	
0.08	401.1	5013.75	224.1	2801.25	
0.08	447.3	5591.25	224.7	2808.75	

0.085	419.8	4938.82	242.5	2852.94
0.08	429.5	5368.75	225.4	2817.50
Mean	415.88	5148.84	226.84	2806.72
Std. Dev.	22.69	285.33	8.33	32.11

5 x 30%		Ld/Wid.M	Ld/A	Max	Ld/Wid.Y	Ld/A	Yld
Thick	lb/in	lb/in <sup>2</sup>	lb/in	lb/in	lb/in <sup>2</sup>	lb/in <sup>2</sup>	
0.083	397.8	4792.77	231.8	2792.77			
0.078	322.7	4137.18	216.1	2770.51			
0.087	396	4551.72	242.3	2785.06			
0.08	395.4	4942.50	219.9	2748.75			
0.081	415.6	5130.86	225.8	2787.65			
Mean	385.5	4711.01	227.18	2776.95			
Std. Dev.	32.28	343.86	9.25	15.92			

15 x 30%		Ld/Wid.M	Ld/A	Max	Ld/Wid.Y	Ld/A	Yld
Thick	lb/in	lb/in <sup>2</sup>	lb/in	lb/in	lb/in <sup>2</sup>	lb/in <sup>2</sup>	
0.082	468	5707.32	239.6	2921.95			
0.08	439.8	5497.50	218	2725.00			
0.081	481.1	5939.51	239.2	2953.09			
0.081	371.9	4591.36	225.4	2782.72			
0.082	376.1	4586.59	223.6	2726.83			
Mean	427.38	5264.45	229.16	2821.92			
Std. Dev.	45.60	568.98	8.71	97.14			

2 x 65%		Ld/Wid.M	Ld/A	Max	Ld/Wid.Y	Ld/A	Yld
Thick	lb/in	lb/in <sup>2</sup>	lb/in	lb/in	lb/in <sup>2</sup>	lb/in <sup>2</sup>	
0.084	473.5	5636.90	233.9	2784.52			
0.083	361.6	4356.63	232.1	2796.39			
0.079	435.2	5508.86	217.5	2753.16			
0.082	476.2	5807.32	225.8	2753.66			
0.082	383.2	4673.17	220.4	2687.80			
Mean	425.94	5196.58	225.94	2755.11			
Std. Dev.	46.56	573.39	6.38	37.70			

5 x 65%		Ld/Wid.M	Ld/A	Max	Ld/Wid.Y	Ld/A	Yld
Thick	lb/in	lb/in <sup>2</sup>	lb/in	lb/in	lb/in <sup>2</sup>	lb/in <sup>2</sup>	
0.087	264.9	3044.83	244.5	2810.34			
0.083	433.5	5222.89	233.4	2812.05			
0.08	426.6	5332.50	241.6	3020.00			
0.08	427.9	5348.75	220.8	2760.00			
0.083	329.2	3966.27	235.6	2838.55			
Mean	376.42	4583.05	235.18	2848.19			
Std. Dev.	67.96	927.78	8.22	89.59			

15 x 65%		Ld/Wid.M	Ld/A	Max	Ld/Wid.Y	Ld/A	Yld
Thick	lb/in	lb/in <sup>2</sup>	lb/in	lb/in	lb/in <sup>2</sup>	lb/in <sup>2</sup>	
0.081	310.1	3828.40	225	2777.78			
0.081	411.9	5085.19	225.8	2787.65			

0.081	425.8	5256.79	227.7	2811.11
0.08	229	2862.50	226.5	2831.25
0.081	247.8	3059.26	245.4	3029.63
0.081	230.7	2848.15	222.2	2743.21
Mean	309.2167	3823.38	228.7667	2830.11
Std. Dev.	90.01	1104.99	8.15	98.97

2 x 100%	Ld/Wid.M	Ld/A	Max	Ld/Wid.Y	Ld/A	Yld
Thick	lb/in	lb/in <sup>2</sup>		lb/in	lb/in <sup>2</sup>	
0.082	435.7	5313.41		228.5	2786.59	
0.081	433.9	5356.79		214.1	2643.21	
0.082	434.8	5302.44		224.4	2736.59	
0.089	451.7	5075.28		241.4	2712.36	
0.08	423.8	5297.50		215.5	2693.75	
Mean	435.98	5269.08		224.78	2714.50	
Std. Dev.	8.96	99.13		9.90	47.33	

5 x 100%	Ld/Wid.M	Ld/A	Max	Ld/Wid.Y	Ld/A	Yld
Thick	lb/in	lb/in <sup>2</sup>		lb/in	lb/in <sup>2</sup>	
0.078	159.3	2042.31		159.2	2041.03	
0.08	160.4	2005.00		160.3	2003.75	
0.077	138.5	1798.70		138.5	1798.70	
0.078	156.1	2001.28		156.1	2001.28	
0.084	167.4	1992.86		165.2	1966.67	
Mean	156.34	1968.03		155.86	1962.29	
Std. Dev.	9.65	86.35		9.16	85.11	

**Appendix E**  
**ERROR ESTIMATE DATA**

HDPE TESTING IN ACID SOLUTIONS  
 DIMENSION MEASUREMENTS FOR ERROR CALCULATIONS  
 HDPE Testing; Quattro; hdpe-4

Sample	Length (in)	Width (in)	Thickness (in)	Sample	Length (in)	Width (in)	Thickness (in)
1	5.872	2.047	0.084	6	5.643	1.941	0.085
	5.893	2.037	0.080		5.625	1.935	0.080
	5.886	2.015	0.079		5.616	1.922	0.083
		2.023				1.913	
Avg.	5.884	2.031	0.081	Avg.	5.628	1.928	0.083
Std. Dev.	0.01069	0.01427	0.00265	Std. Dev.	0.01375	0.01263	0.00252
2	6.000	2.028	0.081	7	5.512	2.153	0.082
	5.995	2.030	0.082		5.493	2.164	0.082
	5.998	2.027	0.083		5.469	2.168	0.084
		2.025				2.170	0.083
Avg.	5.998	2.028	0.082	Avg.	5.491	2.164	0.083
Std. Dev.	0.00252	0.00208	0.00100	Std. Dev.	0.02155	0.00759	0.00096
3	5.797	2.161	0.087	8	5.865	2.010	0.084
	5.821	2.152	0.092		5.889	2.018	0.081
	5.839	2.134	0.088		5.892	2.015	0.081
		2.128				2.018	0.082
Avg.	5.819	2.144	0.089	Avg.	5.882	2.015	0.082
Std. Dev.	0.02107	0.01537	0.00265	Std. Dev.	0.01480	0.00377	0.00141
4	5.907	1.966	0.086	9	5.465	2.039	0.083
	5.938	2.080	0.085		5.480	2.035	0.085
	5.961	2.158	0.082		5.492	2.041	0.082
		2.212				2.046	0.085
Avg.	5.935	2.104	0.084	Avg.	5.479	2.040	0.084
Std. Dev.	0.02710	0.10677	0.00208	Std. Dev.	0.01353	0.00457	0.00150
5	5.182	2.234	0.074	10	5.527	1.938	0.081
	5.128	2.304	0.081		5.456	1.945	0.082
	5.075	2.354	0.083		5.454	1.954	0.078
		2.411				1.954	0.083
Avg.	5.128	2.326	0.079	Avg.	5.479	1.948	0.081
Std. Dev.	0.05350	0.07518	0.00473	Std. Dev.	0.04158	0.00776	0.00216

HDPE TestingError Calculations

A. Weight Change

$$\Delta w = f(w_1, w_2, \text{offset})$$

$$\epsilon_T = \sqrt{\sum \left( \frac{\epsilon_i}{x_i} \right)^2}$$

$$\epsilon_{w_1} = \epsilon_{w_2} \approx \epsilon_{\text{offset}} = 0.05g$$

$$x_{w_1} \approx x_{w_2} \approx 24g \approx 14.49g$$

$$\Delta w = \frac{w_1 - w_2}{w_1}$$

$$\epsilon_T = \sqrt{\left( \frac{\epsilon_{w_1}}{w_1} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\epsilon_{w_2}}{w_2} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\epsilon_{\text{offset}}}{w_1} \right)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{\left( \frac{0.05g}{14.49g} \right)^2 \times 3}$$

$$= 0.00597 = 0.597\% \left( \frac{\text{g error}}{\text{g total}} \right)$$

B. Volume Change

$$\Delta V = f(L_1, L_2, w_1, w_2, T_1, T_2, \Delta \text{Temp}) \quad L_1 \approx L_2 \approx L_A g \approx 5.595$$

$$w_1 \approx w_2 \approx w_{avg} \approx 2.017$$

$$T_1 \approx T_2 \approx T_{avg} \approx 0.0839$$

$$\epsilon_T = \sqrt{\left( \frac{0.022}{5.595} \right)^2 \times 2 + \left( \frac{0.025}{2.017} \right)^2 \times 2 + \left( \frac{-0.00217}{0.0839} \right)^2 \times 2 + (0.0014)^2 \times 3}$$

$$= 0.0410$$

$$= 4.10\%$$

C. Specific Gravity Change

$$\Delta S.g. = f(w_1, w_2, L_1, L_2, w_1, w_2, T_1, T_2, \Delta \text{Temp}, \text{offset})$$

$$= \sqrt{(0.00168196)_{\text{from B}} + (0.00014280)_{\text{from A}}}$$

$$= 0.0427$$

$$= 4.27\%$$

## HDPE Testing

## Dimension Error Calculations

- Basis:
- Straightedges marked on guillotine  
Therefore, for  $L$  and  $W$ , I am measuring error  
on guillotine cutting plus error of micrometer  
measuring technique
  - Thickness error is due to manufacturing process  
quality in producing sheet of uniform  
thickness and how frequently the thickness  
varies

Measured three samples in several places:

Sample	<u>L</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>I</u>
1	J-872	2.047	0.084
	J-893	2.037	0.080
	J-886	2.015	0.079
		2.023	
Avg =	J-884	2.030	0.081
S.D. <sub>n-1</sub> =	0.01069	0.01427	0.002646
2	6.000	2.028	0.081
	J-995	2.030	0.082
	J-998	2.027	0.083
		2.025	
Avg =	J-998	2.028	0.082
S.D. <sub>n-1</sub> =	0.002517	0.002082	0.001000
3	J-797	2.161	0.087
	J-821	2.152	0.092
	J-839	2.134	0.088
		2.128	
Avg =	J-819	2.144	0.089
S.D. <sub>n-1</sub> =	0.02107	0.01537	0.002646

$$S.D._{avg} = 0.0220$$

$$S.D._{avg} = 0.0250$$

$$S.D._{avg} = 0.00217$$

$$\epsilon_T = \sqrt{\sum \left( \frac{e_i}{x_i} \right)^2} \quad \text{for } + - \times \div \text{ (all linear operations)}$$

See continuation sheet for more detail  
Data doesn't seem close enough for statistical validity

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